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Jacob Benson, 1713-1788

And His Descendants;

In the Towns of Dover and Amenia  
Dutchess County, New York  
and elsewhere

Together with Some Information of the Early Members  
of the Benson Family in New England  
and New York State

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Syracuse N.Y. July 21.1822  
110 Pearl Place

P.P.Darling  
Lawrenceville Pa.

Dear Mr Darling

I have been trying to find your letter that you sent to Bro Fret Colvin St but have been unable to get it, and presume it has been returned to you. I not unfrequently get letters add'd dittoed, and used to be sent next to my street and number, my name is in the directory, and I should get them.

I see here one of Asahel L. Benson's books, and have many records of his birth & death, he died at the time he published his book, Jose, R. of the town of Jamestown in the district of Seneca Co. early in the Revolution. I was a soldier there, at later I went to Utica and there also. One of his sons, Joseph, did live in Seneca Co., but the rest went to the western part of the state, and some of them later to the west.

I can not make out what the Lydia Benson who is supposed to have married Peter Darling could be of that family.

I presume you saw your letter on me in the "Liberator" newspaper at once. Dr. G. Eliot says she lived and died in Dover N.H. and New H.F. He reported her as the one who was born Oct 17.1770, died Oct 11.1875, daughter of Peter and Lydia (not Mary) Darling.

In page 18 of A.T. Star and L. C. C. will see I am indebted to Dr. J. C. Jones of Dover N.H. for the record of Lydia F. (Lydia F. is probably the older May 17.1770.)

She died at a large age, and her birth is not given in the book, but the records are given on page 28, which say she married Daniel Darling, and died Sept 30.1842 aged 69, and so was born in 1773. Dr. Jones says she was buried at Dover Plains N.Y. (and probably a child Darling also) which would seem to show that she m. Daniel and not Peter. Any way as she was born in 1773, she could not possibly be living here in 1877. This would be sufficient to disprove this Lydia (the wife) being married to Peter.

I have strong and reliable record of the Daniel Darling, including that of my own father, and have no Lydia Benson who married to Darling.

Now consider of Isaac(s) Darling of P.L. (son of Jacob(3)it he had any descendants) which is the point of which I have only vague & uncertain, and it is possible of course that there may be others who m. a Peter Darling, but if so I can not prove her.

It is very likely that Isaac's son, William, born 1751, had a daughter Isabella, m. Peter Darling. Dr. J. C. Jones' wife, Elizabeth (Elizabeth) was wife to Peter, and died in 1842. No further record of the family is given, but it is known that they resided in Jamestown N.Y. where Peter died in 1842 in DuBois Co. It is said that Peter's wife died in 1842 leaving points that she was born about 1770 or 1771, for her mother died in 1770, and so they were the only children left to William Co. at that time, and so the name of Newell. You will notice I have them credit to Jamestown Co. as I do not know where they resided, and so is to have lived in the vicinity and so far as I know, both in Seneca Co. (see page 27) it seems to me that they must have been in Seneca Co. before 1800, and so I suppose that Elizabeth's birthplace, widow of William (3) must be in Seneca Co. as she died in 1842, and so probably died in Seneca Co. She had a brother Simeon, who resided in Seneca Co. and so I suppose he died in Seneca Co. with them.

As you will see on page 27 I have them credited with

William(4) had a daughter Lydia. Every one complains of the lack of records in  
Michigan Co. W. I. I certainly have found very few, and only pieced the family together  
on shreds of evidence gathered here and there. It is the weak link in my line of  
course, but the best I could do. It is entirely possible, and quite probable, that the  
wife of the above was also of this family, and if we only were sure that she was born in  
Dutchess Co. it would make it almost certain, because she would have been of one of the  
two Benson families who lived there, and it is sure she was not a daughter of Jacob,  
as she would have been mentioned in his will.

This will not help you I know, but it

M. LINDNER AND J. GÖTTSCHE

The book I am reading you will find in the store where I work,  
will be a shelf below a bottle of Nitric Acid that will have a green ringed on  
the cover of this book. I have it recovered but as it was too worn covering, i.e. the  
green cloth, out of the paper so well as the cover. However you will get out it  
as you are very welcome to it, as well as it is.

I have not much time but I hope I may see it and will make the effort, but this library  
is not likely to be of much use to me, as it is already years behind.  
I have not much to help the genealogical work, have given them several genealogies  
and other things, but they want by one of my books and I will throw one away before I  
will give it to them, so there is none of my books in this library, and is not likely

#### What is a trial?

Fred. H. B. -

She is stuck in the family, she has no one else to talk to, and she is very angry with me. She also seems to be angry with my parents, probably because they sent me to see this cousin, for the name of her son was not to be found in any of the records of either. There is something slightly odd about the names in families like ours. I am sure I have heard them before.



## PLATE.

This volume is full of important records, and it is hard to tell, in general, or in particular cases, how much of the former has been a task for record, the latter to select. I have, however, taken to oblique ways of distinguishing the two classes of record, and so far as will be convenient, to distinguish the two sets, the first one of the family tree, the in *Historical Record*, New York, and the other, the same from *Records from Rutland*, Rutland, Vermont, about 1742.

In addition to the date given of his marriage, I have also had the date of birth of his wife, and the names of his earlier generations in New England, as well as in the Dutch territory, New York.

Other entries have been made, since these tables, although and complete as possible, do not cover every state, and it is hard to learn all about the earlier generations. However, they are all imbued with the roving spirit of pioneer days, and travel westward, and though, in most instances, their last resting place is known, other records of them are few.

From ancient family bibles, and from interviews and correspondence with older members of the family, from old New England, is herein given, in relation to these early ancestors.

Among those to whom I wish to express my sense of obligation for valued information of the New England Basons, is Mr. F. H. Benson, of Saratoga, N. Y., who has in preparation a general history of the Bason family in the United States. He has given many years of his time and labor to the work, and I am certain that in the completion of it a most accurate and comprehensive history of the family will have been achieved.

Miss Frances Cowles, a genealogist of New York City, has furnished much of the data, gathered in the course of the past forty years,

Extracts from "The Early History of a Small Village in New Haven, Conn." have been included, as showing the early development of the country during the period of its early development.



For example, the 2nd generation of the family is also included in the records of the 1st generation, and the 3rd generation in the records of the 2nd, etc., so that the records of the 1st generation will correspond in distant states, and the 2nd generation given will be as interesting to all offsprings as the 1st if it has proven to be a good one.

It will be noted that each page of the index contains the given numbers, and I have done this so that the index pages of this kind may be considered the key pages of the records, and they may be referred to at any time without trouble. It is also intended to make available to the user the facility to group members of the same family together, by simply adding the index any name desired, and then referring to the corresponding result from the corresponding starting point.

A feature of the book is the black & white photographs of each of the records for record identification. This makes it possible to use these as a call number reference, and to identify readily records containing names unknown to the user.

The author of this work has been greatly gratified and proud to those who kept the Hebrew names. He has no desire to belittle or minimize the daughters in this illustrious family, who have married well and have been a task too great for me to have accomplished.

A. T. P.

July 1, 1915.

Dover Plains, New York



## SOME EARLY RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF MENDON, NEW YORK.

The first settlers were John and Jacob Benson, who, with his son, Michael, came from New England under four years of age, and from Boston by ship, about 1710, and settled in Mendon.

He died at Mendon in 1740, and was buried near the old Bell Rock bridge, now called "Old Bridge," removed to Mendon in 1785, and now stands in front of the church.

John Benson, son of Newell, died in 1746, and his family are not known; but the name of his wife, Ruth, helps, and she is said to be a daughter of John and Mary, before settled in Mendon, in 1710.

The founders of this family were John and Isaac Garrison, friends of William Penn, and agents of the Quakers. Their mother was a Benson. The first record of Isaac Garrison, of Mendon, settled there in 1710, is in the town records, where he is listed as Isaac Garrison, Isaac Benson, and a citizen of Mendon, in 1710, 1716, and later in 1720, 1722, etc.

It is believed that Isaac Garrison was the father of Jacob Benson, who came to Mendon in 1716, from New Haven, Connecticut, where he had probably 6 or 7 sons, two married, and others in Mendon.

In an old book, 1859, written by Preserved S. Thayer, whose wife is said to have been a Benson, is the following account of some of the family in Mendon and vicinity:

"When eight years old he went to school to Timothy Mahoney, in the house then Samuel Burtoe's, where Peleg Burtoe now lives in the south part of Uxbridge.

The school consisted, perhaps of fifteen students, and the reciters were Garrison and his sister Anna, Allen, Nathan and of Elizur, who died in Berlin, New Hampshire, in 1858, being west of Mendon, bearing south of William Murray, a general merchant, Amos, and others of the same family not recollectec-



Ellis Benson sold or gave to Remond April 1st, 1801, and removed. Remond Henson, who lived on the place, now known as the "Brass Mill," in Doniphan, was a brother to Isaac. He remembers one, Isaac Benson, who kept a hotel at the corner of Main and Adams at Parnfrence, about 1810, between the time of his removal and that of Remond.

Isaac Benson referred in his testimony to his brother, Jacob Benson and also to William Tait.

Before Benson died, he sold the Benson homestead at Chestnut Hill about 1793. He would have lived there about 40 years, until his death in 1801. He had a son, Jacob, and a daughter, Remond. To the former he married about 1777, the year he died, of gift of the weekly part of his inheritance, which he had previously erected a house, probably on the line of his son's inheritance. 1793. He was succeeded in the occupancy of the house by his son, Jacob Benson, who had previously, and probably soon after the death of his father, lived at Mill Creek, and owned the old mill, and part of the saw mill at that place. Jacob Benson married, between Mill Creek, the site of which is the Bull Run, and the old house, his first wife, and went to keep one at Chestnut Hill after his return to the old homestead. This individual, and his wife, Atoka, are still remembered by the old inhabitants of Leavenworth and Kennedy, Kansas.

The landlord and his son John, after the marriage of the former, lived on the homestead together until the death of the father, after which time John, or Tom, or Benson, by which name he was best known, lived there until he died in 1810, upon his son, Jared, known as Captain Jared, and later in life as Capt. Benson, his son, succeeded to the possession and occupied it till his death in 1851. Since then his son, Jared Benson, Jr., lived on the homestead till 1850, and then his son, Sylvanus H. Benson, who is the present occupant of a part of the same, lives in a stone house built on the south side of the road. The house on the north side of the road being the site of their original homestead, has been occupied by tenants since 1856 but belongs to Jared Benson, Esq., last above named, who has removed to Atoka, on the Mississippi river, 50 miles above St. Paul, Minn.

The first house built on the land owned by Isaac W. D. Henson, was erected about 1791 by Mr. Benson, his son, who, like all other his descendants, Sylvanus H. Benson now lives, and his son, Joseph Ben-



sure of his country and to reward him for his services he sold his  
other lands in August, 1752, to Daniel Southwick.

At his sale of his lands in 1752, he was succeeded by Ben-  
jamin, his son, who had been born in 1711, and died in  
the manor of New York in 1781. He was a man of  
modest birth, but of great personal worth, and a good citizen. His  
son, who succeeded him, Thomas Southwick, became a citizen  
of the State of New York.

Benjamin Southwick left his son Benjamin, who is known  
as Major Major Southwick, a large sum of money, about \$15,000.  
Major Henry Benson died in 1753, leaving his estate to his son  
Rufus, also a citizen of New York.

Major Rufus Benson died in 1770, leaving his estate to his son  
Henry, who continued his occupation of a tanner, in which he was successful. His shop was located in the village of Newburgh, which it was said, was the first tannery established in that place. His son, originally called, is still surviving, and is now in his ninetieth year.

Elizabeth Southwick married Jacob Southwick, a tanner, in  
1752. In November, 1758, he sold his tannery to John Benson, where  
they then resided. They had eight children, viz., David, John, David,  
David W., Henry, and Elizabeth, wife of Peter H. Dugan, a tanner,  
who sold the tannery to his son, John, and his wife, Elizabeth, passed  
into the hands of their children, Stephen, Simon, John, and others.

Mrs. William Thompson came to Chappaqua, February 1, 1760, to live with  
John Benson, where she was to remain until her death, in 1794, in a small  
Patch house. Her 8 children, of her birth, were sold to John, David, John,  
Simon, Abram, John, Timothy, Jonathan, Levi, Young, David, John,  
Japhet, Tanta, Deborah, Lucy, Benjamin, Benson, John, Benson, Stephen  
Benson, Eben, Tala, and others.

Nov. 21, 1758, Jacob Benson of a place called Nine Partners in  
Dutchess County in the province of New York, conveyed half of  
forty-acre lot to Daniel Southwick. Before the year of 1772, he lived  
in a house south of said Daniel Southwick's residence near the Rhode  
Island line, and sold Jonathan Southwick part of the premises to  
Daniel Southwick's.



### THE SALMOS, CONNECTICUT, 1785-1865.

In the old church records of New Haven, Conn., is the record of the Peleg family. Peleg was of African descent, and was born at New Haven, Aug. 1, 1790. He served his apprenticeship in the shipyards in the Revolutionary war, and became a master carpenter. He married Sarah in Connecticut, and went to New Haven, Conn., in 1812, where he became a carpenter. He married Lois Hunter, April 11, 1812, and they had three children, John, Lydia, and Jemima. Lydia married Moses Maxam, and they had a son, Ebenezer, who was a president of the Bank of New Haven, Conn., from 1817, until his death in 1848, so the record reads. Ebenezer died May 3, 1847. Their children were Ebenezer, Mrs. Achille L. Maxam, of Orville, Ohio; a son, George, deceased; and a daughter, Lydia, married to Dr. Charles C. Ward, of New Haven, Conn., and a widow. Ebenezer was a veteran of the Specie-Boatmen's company, and a member of the Ancient Business brothers, but he died at New Haven, Conn.

The last letter for Ebenezer is dated Oct. 2, 1785, and the Census of 1840 shows that he still lives at New Haven with his wife and daughter. He later went to Utica, N. Y., with his father.

Ebenezer's sister, Anna, married Ebenezer Doubt at Stratford, Conn., in 1785. Their first child, Anna, married Peter, son of the father of Benjamin West, and great-grandfather of Dr. H. B. Bassett, married Joannah Andrews at Rochester, Mass., Aug. 30, 1798. He joined the church at Wethersfield, Mass., April 17, 1793, vis. His wife, May 22, following. Besides Benjamin, their children were: Elizur, Joannah, and Thankful. Ebenezer died July 16, 1767. His wife died March 12, 1769.

Samuel, a brother of Ebenezer, lived at Wethersfield. He was married at Plympton, Mass., Nov. 21, 1728. His children were: Consider, John, Patience, Lydia, Joannah, Keziah, Ruth, and Hope. Keziah married Adadith, Musam, and they were early settlers at Sharon, Conn.

The Maxams had a son, Adonijah, born at Sharon, Conn., Dec.



g'd. 1834, at 18 months old, Aug. 1870, aged 36 years, 13 months, 16 days, died at home, in town, of consumption, and was buried in the cemetery, town, N.Y., following service, conducted by Rev.

Levi A. Benson, Chaplain, U.S. Army, at 1 P.M.,  
On the Sabbath, Aug. 18, 1870.

At the request of

Eliza A. Benson, his wife,

Chaplain A. Benson, 1881, 2

On the Cemetery Ground,

Levi M. son of Philo and Lois (Benson), died April 17, 1881, aged 3 months.

Sarah A. daughter of Levi and Lois, died April 1882, aged 5 years.

Loring S. son of Philo and Lois, died Oct. 18, 1881, aged 7 weeks.

## IN THE BORLAND DISTRICT, BUILDING GROUND BETWEN NEW YORK AND SOUTHERN CONN.

Jehu Benson, son of David H. and Eliza A. Benson,

d. Oct. 19, 1851, aged 14 years, 9 mos., 19 days.

Lois Benson, daughter of David H. and Eliza A.

d. Aug. 15, 1853, aged 1 years, 8 mos., 1 day.

Phoebe, daughter of David H. and Eliza A.

d. April 20, 1853, aged 8 years, 2 mos., 15 days.

David H. Benson, d. 1 April 21, 1853, aged 45.

Evin Benson, died Oct. 9, 1885, aged 45.

Eliza Ainsworth, wife of David H., d. 1 Aug. 15, 1853, aged 37.

Jesse, the son, son of Eliza Ainsworth, d. 11, 1874, aged 31.

Lois, wife of Jesse, died Feb. 7, 1867, in her 80th year.

Lorin Benson, died Nov. 13, 1856, aged 30.

Some of this family formerly lived on what is known as "Sect Mountain."



## EARLY HISTORY OF THE BENSON FAMILY IN NEW YORK STATE.

Dick Benschot, the emigrant, who arrived in New Amsterdam in 1648 is said to have been the progenitor of the Dutch family in America. He was a sea-captain, who came from Gorcum, Friesland, to Amsterdam, Holland, where he married Catharina Clasen. Dick and his wife embarked to found his home and family in the Province of New York.

Many of his descendants were largely identified with the early history of New York City, and were also numbered among the residents of Westchester, Dutchess and Ulster Counties.

He purchased a house and lot, one-half acre, in New Amsterdam (Now New York City), in 1649, and in 1651 he went to Fort Orange (Albany), where he built a house and assisted in the building of the new Church in 1656. He died February 28, 1670.

The children of Dirck and Catharina Benschot were: Dirck, born 1650; Sampson, born 1652; Johannes, born 1656; Cathrina, born 1657; Maria, born 1659.

The three sons grew up in Albany and were prominent in the church. Sampson led a poverty. Dirck sailed a sloop between New York and Albany. Johannes was an innkeeper.

Owing to the French and Indian hostilities they removed to New York shortly before 1700, and Barnes located in Harlem, where it is said his descendants continued among the largest landowners, until it ceased to be an agricultural community.

Johannes Benson, as the name came to be spelled, married Elizabeth Van Dusen of Albany, July 26, 1676. They had ten children of record. Sampson, Helena, Dirck, Catalina, Rachel, Matthew, Catherine, Merritie, Johannes, and Benjamin.

Dirck Benson, son of the emigrant, Dick was born in 1650, and died June 26, 1717.

Married Thysie Claes, of Albany.

They had six children: Catalina, Eva, Rachael, Eva (again), Derick and Thysie.



Robert Livingston, for that is his name, was born in 1732, and died about 1778. He was a member of the Provincial Congress, and was chosen a member of Robert William's Committee of Safety.

Of these evidently the closest connection was with Robert. He married the wife of Robert, and their son, Robert, became Robert's son-in-law.

Robert was born in 1757, and died in 1823.

He married Elizabeth Newkirk, daughter of John Newkirk, born 1726, and died 1803.

Henry, born 1751, died 1821.

Mary, born 1757, died young.

Robert, Judge, born June 21, 1759, died April 18, 1823, and married.

Corinne, born 1788, died young.

Anthony, born 1761, died 1797.

Benjamin, born 1766, died 1823. He was a member of the Sons of Liberty, and became a conspirator during the Revolution.

He always a member of the best Characters in Albany, a Secretary of the most reverend Dr. Parsons, and when the state was gathered under the Constitution, he became Secretary of the new Senate, and was also connected with camp of Glover or Clinton.

Henry Penruddock, was born in 1730, was a merchant, but subsequently became a naval officer in the Colony of New York, in the waters of Hudson River, and was captured by the English in an armed vessel on the Hudson River, and was sold by the English, and after his return to the Hudson, he took up his residence at West Point, to interrupt the progress of the British up the river.

Robert Penruddock, 1740-1803, was a conspirator of the Revolution, a soldier and jurist. He graduated from King's College, now Columbia College, 1765, and received the degree of M. A. in 1768 from Yale College. In 1776 he was summoned to the Provincial Convention, and elected to represent Ulster, Dutchess County, and parts of Westchester. He was married. In 1776 he was a member of the Committee of Safety. In 1777 he represented Dutchess County in the Provincial Convention, which met in New York for the purpose of forming



the first place, and the second, the second place, and so on. In this way, the whole class can be divided into three groups. The first group consists of the best students, the second group of the average students, and the third group of the worst students. This method of classification is called the "scholarship test".

After the scholarship test, the students are divided into three groups according to their marks. The first group consists of the best students, the second group of the average students, and the third group of the worst students.

The scholarship test is conducted every year, and its results are published in the school magazine. The results of the scholarship test are used to determine the scholarship of each student. The scholarship is given to the top three students in each group.

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"There was a lot of noise in the school during the test, and high respect for the teacher was shown by all the students. The teacher's name is Mr. Alexander."



## JACOB BENSON, PIONEER.

It is established beyond doubt that one of the earliest settlers in Eastern Dutchess County, New York, was Jacob Benson, who came to "New Paltz," New York, (then called New Hurryville, Rhode Island,) about the year 1711.

It will be noted by reading the extract from the book by Preserved S. Thaxter, entitled "Hancock, New England, Resolved," in this volume, that this Jacob Benson is identified with Jonathan Southwick, a part of his family in Rhode Island prior to 1711.

There is a tradition that he came to Dutchess County with his wife, on horseback, and the only earthly possession they brought with them was a feather bed.

It is thought that his mother was Issac Benson, of Roxbury, Mass., in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. The marriage of Issac Benson to Mary Lamprey, of Sandwich, Mass., is registered in Act 88 or 9.

The father of Issac was John Benson, and the last of's father was also John Benson. As stated elsewhere, the earliest record of anyone to New England from the mother country, soon after the "Pilgrim Fathers." In a genealogy of the Brewster family, the ancestor of which was Elie William Brewster, leader of the Pilgrims, it is stated that the Brewsters and Bensons intermarried.

We have no record of the birth of Jacob Benson, 1st. Neither is it known whom he married. In the U. S. Census of 1790 he is enumerated as living in Pawlingtown, but his will was dated at Amenia, N. Y., April 19, 1809. The will was proven May 4, 1801, so that if he died in the latter year he would have been a resident here 50 years. His son, Jacob, died in 1817 in his 83d year, and would therefore have been about 33 years old at the time of his father's decease. It follows, then, that the pioneer of the family in Dover and Amenia must have lived to a ripe old age—possibly one hundred.

It is not known where he first located, but presumably in the territory afterwards known as the "Benson Neighborhood," where many of his descendants have continued to reside up to the present time.



## WILL THE NEW TESTAMENT BE READING?

## INTRODUCTION

Signed, sealed and delivered by the said Jacob Rosen, testator,  
and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us who were  
present at the signing, sealing and delivering thereof.

ARCHIBALD ROSS,  
JOHN HOGG DODD,  
ROBERT B. NISON,

Proved May 4, 1861.

Gilbert Livingston, Surrogate of  
Putney County, N.Y.



## Five Candidates.

1. John Besson, M. I.

2. Joseph Besson.

3. William Besson.

4. John Besson, Jr., 1868-1872.

5. Samuel L. Besson.

In the Census of 1790, John Besson, his wife and two children, of the family of Jules Besson, were listed.

It seems probable that the first three candidates above were not members of the family.

This was the name of a Frenchman, born at Paris, about 1790, 1818, and died at New York, in 1850. He was a man of no other kin or close alliance, than his wife, who died in 1846, and he never married again, having no children.

Mr. Henry Field, of New York, in his "History of the French Revolution," says of him: "He was a man of great energy, and a bold and resolute character, but of a very violent temper. He was a man who, rather than be imposed upon, would rather die than submit. He was born in 1790, at Paris, and died at New York, in 1850, aged 60, and he never married again, though he had a wife for 26 years, and she died in the cemetery."

The third Besson was also a Frenchman, of the same name, and the conjecture of Mr. Whitemore, that he was a son of Jules, seems well founded.

Mr. George Besson, one of the sons of Jules, became a captain of engineers in the French army, and died in 1848, fighting in Plevlingtowm, and having in his pocket a pistol which over 16,000 "days under lock." Also the author of a book.

We think that in 1775 he lived in New York, because it is mentioned in his "Early History," mentions a descent of his son's having signed the "Articles of Association," or "Revolutionary League."

Whether Besson, an ancestor of Jules Besson, has been buried in no record, except that he served in the 1st Regt. of Artillery, in French, in County Meath, in the Revolutionary War. Whether he died in County or not can not be ascertained.



## II.

### JACOB BENSON, 2nd.

Jacob Benson, 2nd, son of Jacob Benson and —————,  
b. 1735,  
d. January 18, 1817, in his 82d year.

The Meadow Lanes records show that Jacob Benson, "N.Y. Partner," New York, and Lydia Thompson, "his wife," d. "May 12, 1760.

Lydia died March 24, 1822, aged 100 years.

Well-preserved tombstones mark their graves in Valley Grove Cemetery, at Dover Plains, N. Y.

Jacob Benson, 2nd, lived on the farm in the town of Olive, N. Y., adjoining the farm of the late William F. Benson, and now owned by Thomas S. Benson.

## III.

### SIX CHILDREN.

1. Jacob Benson, 3rd.
2. Susan Benson.
3. Lydia Benson.
4. Benjamin Benson.
5. Hannah Benson.
6. David Benson.



## III.

## JACOB BENSON, JR.

Jacob Benson, Jr., son of Jacob Benson, and of Mary Smith, was born at

Esopus, June 4, 1768, at Esopus, N. Y.

Married Martha Smith,

who was born Oct. 2, 1768,

He went from Esopus, N. Y., to New York City, where he resided until he died at Brooklyn Park, March 2, 1848.

## IV.

## FIVE CHILDREN.

1. Rufus Benson.
2. Sarah Benson.
3. Eliza Benson.
4. Hezekiah Benson.
5. Charity Benson.

## IV.

## RUFUS BENSON, 1st.

Rufus Benson, 1st, son of Jacob Benson, and of Mary Smith, born Sept. 1790, at Esopus, N. Y.

Married Mary Postlethwait, Dec. 1, 1814, and was buried near Parcheville, Barry County, Michigan.

## V.

## SIX CHILDREN.

1. Loomis Benson.
2. Rufus Benson, 2nd. (*No record*)
3. Mary Benson. (*No record*)
4. Almira Benson. (*No record*)
5. Joseph Benson. (*died at the age of 18*)
6. Henry E. Benson.



## V.

## LOOMIS BENSON.

Loomis Benson, son of Rufus Benson, is also Stacy Dorbeck,  
b. about 1810.

Married ——, d. ——, 1879.

His home was near Kennyville, Algoma County, Michigan.

## VI.

## FIVE CHILDREN.

1. William J. Benson, b. Nov. 1, 1841.
2. Rufus Benson, b. Nov. 1, 1843.
3. Mary Benson, b. Nov. 1, 1845.
4. Joseph Benson, b. Nov. 1, 1847.
5. Neal D. Benson, b. Nov. 1, 1850.

## V.

## HENRY E. BENSON.

Henry E. Benson, son of Ezra Benson and Mary (Draper),  
b. either in Dutchess or Ulster County, New York, or last in  
1824.

Married Lydia A. Draper, at Hudson, NY, Dec. 11, 1844.

d. at Silver Creek, Michigan, May 21, 1877, and is buried at Plainwell,  
Michigan. His wife, who died at Berlin Creek, Michigan, April 5,  
1888, is also buried at Plainwell.

## VI.

## FIVE CHILDREN.

1. Adelbert L. Benson.
2. Ella L. Benson.
3. Arthur E. Benson.
4. Clinton H. Benson.
5. Milton O. Benson.



## VII.

### WOMEN IN THE FAMILY

Albertine L. Benson, son of Albert L. Benson, and wife of A. L. Benson,

b. at Louisville, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1841,

Married Miss Monte, of Toledo, Ohio,

J. Avard Sargent, of Toledo, Ohio, in 1863.

His wife died April 1, 1871,

Bethany died at home in Michigan.

## VIII.

### FOUR CHILDREN

1. Allan Louis Benson,

2. Lucia Benson.

## IX.

### ALLAN LOUIS BENSON

Allan Louis Benson, son of Albert L. Benson, and wife Monte,

b. Nov. 8, 1871,

Married Miss Hatch, of Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1893,

She was born----,

Mr. Benson is a well known writer on sociology,

Among his published works are:

"The Truth About Socialism,"

"Our Friends & Their Errors,"

"The Unseen Power of the Courts,"

"A Way to Perfect Wealth," 1915.

He resides at 1 Arthur Street, Yonkers, N. Y.,

and is a member of the New York Academy of Medicine.

## X.

### FOUR CHILDREN

1. Mary Benson, born at Detroit, Michigan, May 29, 1904,

2. Weston H. Benson, born at Detroit, Michigan, June 21, 1904,

3. Allan Louis Benson, Jr., born at Detroit, Michigan, Nov. 17, 1905,

4. James Adelbert Benson, born at Yonkers, N. Y., March 16, 1908.



VII.

LUCIA BENSON.

Lucia Benson Percy, daughter of Adelbert L. Benson and Rose Morris.

b. Aug. 10, 1863.

Married Claude V. Percy, of Battle Creek, Michigan.  
They reside at Memphis, Tennessee.



VI

ELEANOR BENSON.

Ella L. Benson Ball, daughter of Henry E. Benson and Lydia A. Draper,

b. at Shalersville, Ohio, August 24, 1851.

Married James M. Ball, of Lowell, Michigan.

d. at Lowell, Michigan, in 1896.

VI.

ARTHUR E. BENSON.

Arthur E. Benson, son of Henry E. Benson and Lydia A. Draper,

b. at Shalersville, Ohio, July 13, 1874.

Married Sarah A. White of Otsego, Michigan, in 1893.

He resides at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

VII.

TWO CHILDREN.

- Carrie F. Benson, b. April 26, 1885.

Married June 16, 1909, to F. Carl Danielsky.

- Helen Benson, b. Oct. 26, 1888.

VI.

CLINTON H. BENSON.

Clinton H. Benson, son of Henry E. Benson and Lydia A. Draper,

b. at Prairieville, Michigan, Jan. 18, 1859.

Married Alice Miller in 1883.

He resides on a farm near Battle Creek, Michigan.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

- Lucille Benson. (*No record*)



## V.

### MICHAEL DUNNIN.

Michael Dunnin, son of Henry L. Dunnin and Lydia V. Draper,  
b. at Princeton, N. J., Aug. 18, 1811, d. —

Married Lydia V. Draper, 1836.

He resides on a farm near Battle Creek, Michigan.

## VI.

### TRACY CHAPMAN.

1. Lewis Chapman, *Never married*.

2. Dr. Benson, *Never married*.

3. Gray Benson, *Never married*.

## VII.

### SARAH BENSON.

Sarah Benson, wife, daughter of Jacob Benson, b. d. and Martha Smith,

b. March 11, 1782.

Married Henry L. Nau, ——.

d. June 25, 1870.

He was born Nov. 12, 1790,

d. Oct. 6, 1866

buried at South Amenia, N. Y.

They were the parents of Mrs. Miss H. White, wife of Scott White, of South Amenia, N. Y., and of brothers of Henry N. White, a merchant, and for many years Supervisor of the town of Amenia.

In 1815 Miss White was 88 years old, now 88 years to mind that when a girl she accompanied her father on a trip to Tiunkhawack, Pennsylvania, to visit her relative, Jacob Benson. The journey was made with a horse and wagon and occupied three days.

## VIII.

### SUSAN BENSON.

Susan Benson, daughter of Jacob Benson, b. d. and Martha Smith.

b. August 8, 1802.

d.—

buried in Pennsylvania.



IV.

CHARLES BENSON.

Charles Benson, son of Chauncey Benson and Martha Smith.  
b. May 28, 1837.  
d.----.  
buried in Pennsylvania.

IV.

CHAUNCEY BENSON.

Chauncey Benson, son of David Benson, Jr., and Martha Smith.  
b. June 6, 1810.  
Married Sarah Brutzman,----.  
d.----, buried at Franklin Park, Pennsylvania.

V.

SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Eliza Benson
2. Etta Benson
3. Mary Benson
4. Susan Benson
5. Juliette Benson
6. George A. Benson
7. Martha Elizabeth Benson, b. Nov. 17, 1835,

V.

EMMA BENSON.

Emma Benson James, daughter of Chauncey Benson and Sarah Brutzman.

b. Nov. 17, 1835, d.----.

Married William James, ----.

V.

ETTA BENSON.

Etta Benson, daughter of Chauncey Benson and Sarah Brutzman.

b. May 29, 1837, d.----.



V.  
MARY BENSON.

Mary Benson Hardline, daughter of Chauncey Benson and Sarah Brutzman.

b. May 11, 1829.

Married N. A. Hardline, Oct. 11, 1849.

Resides at Tunkhannock, Penn.

V.

SUSAN BENSON.

Susan Benson, daughter of Chauncey Benson and Sarah Brutzman.

b. March 2, 1831, d. ---.

V.

JANETTE BENSON.

Janette Benson Jaynes, daughter of Chauncey Benson and Sarah Brutzman.

b. Jan. 6, 1831, d. June 25, 1869.

Married Charles Jaynes, ---.

Buried at Mykewony, Penn.

V.

GEORGE A. BENSON.

George A. Benson, son of Chauncey Benson and Sarah Brutzman.

b. July 2, 1848.

Married Alice H. Graham, Jan. 2, 1871.

Resides at Tunkhannock, Pa.

VI.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Thompson Benson, b. Feb. 14, 1875, d. May 12, 1875.
2. Warren G. Benson,



### VI.

#### WAKINSON, LUCILLE.

Wakinson, G. Peterson, wife of, b. 1864, d. 1900, m. Wm. Peterson,  
ham

b. June 11, 1863,

Married (first) John Peterson, b. 1862, d. 1897

Resides at Tamarackwood.

### VII.

#### WATSON, CLARA.

1. George Hersey, b. Oct. 21, 1890, d. 1900, m. Clara,
2. Alice Lydia Hersey, b. Nov. 1, 1892,
3. Peter Daniel Benson, b. Jan. 1, 1895,
4. Oscar Julian Benson, b. and d. Oct. 1, 1897, d. Sept. 20, 1897,
5. Helen May Peterson, b. March 20, 1897, d. Nov. 12, 1897.

### III.

#### SUSAN BENSON.

Susan Benson, b. in daughter of David F. & S. H. and Lydia Therapseau,

b. 1844,

Married John Benson, 1865,

d. 1895,



III.

LYDIA BENSON.

Lydia Benson Darling, daughter of Jacob Benson and Lydia Thompson.

b.----, 1773.

Married Daniel Darling ----.

d. Sept. 30, 1852, aged 69 years.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

III.

BENJAMIN BENSON, Esq.

Benjamin Benson, 1st, son of Jacob Benson and Lydia Thompson.

The date of his birth and death are not known.

He was twice married.

1st wife, Betsy Gillette.

2nd wife, Deborah Mackam.

It is said that he lived at Schloitooke, near Kent, Litchfield County, Conn.

IV.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Benjamin Benson, 2nd.

2. Rebecca Benson.

3. Lydia Benson.

IV.

BENJAMIN BENSON, 2n d.

Benjamin Benson, 2nd, son of Benjamin Benson and Betsy Gillette.

b.----.

Married Susan Kidney, ----.

d.----.

There was a son, Benjamin, 3rd, but there is no record of him except that he met an accidental death on the railroad about the year 1880.



IV.

REBECCA COOPER.

Rebecca Cooper, widow of John Cooper, died at New York,  
1st, and died there.  
b. Peter Cooper,  
Married Eliza Thompson, ---,  
d. Dec. 18, 1858.  
Buried at Dyckman Farms, N. Y.

V.

LUCIA BENSON.

Lucia Benson, widow of Benjamin Benson, 1st, and  
Betsy Gifford.  
b. June 2, 1770.  
Married N. C. Colgate, ---,  
d. Dec. 1, 1854, aged 84 years.

VI.

HANNAH BENSON.

Hannah Benson Hunt, daughter of Jacob Benson, 2nd, and Lydia Thompson.

b.—.

Married Peter Hunt, ---.

d.—.



## III.

### DAVID BENSON,

Baptized son of Jacob Benson and Lydia Thorson,  
b.—, 1779.

Matried Susanna Sprague,  
c. July 17, 1817.

Sold his farm at 1817 and 1818, H. C. & Co. from  
Family his neice's husband, John C. H. C. & Co., b. 1817.

His home was sold, and he moved to New York City, 1817  
probably because he wanted to be near his wife's family, who had  
furnished him with a house there, and he could not afford to buy one.

He was buried at Dover Plains, N.Y., 1857.

## IV.

### NATHANIEL BENSON,

1. Joseph Benson,
2. Jefferson Benson,
3. Mary Gillette,
4. David Benson, Jr.
5. Alanson Benson,
6. Jacob Benson, Jr. b.—, 1857.
7. William Benson, d. Feb. 10, 1852, aged 16.
8. Gertrude Benson, "Nancy,"
9. Myron Benson, "Nevard"

## V.

### JOSEPH BENSON,

Joseph Benson, son of David Benson and Susanna Sprague,  
b.—, 1800.

Matried Helen Gillette,  
d. Feb. 11, 1877.

Slid down a steep hill and died, aged 74.

Resided on the hill above the village of Dover in Orange, N.Y.

Familiarly known as "the minister of death."

Buried at Dover Plains, N.Y.



V.

FIVE CHILDREN.

1. Silas Benson, b. 1841, d. April, 1888, unmarried.
2. Susan Benson.
3. Eleanor Benson.
4. Edwin D. Benson.
5. Charles Benson, b. 1838, d. Dec. 25, 1881, unmarried.

V.

SUSAN BENSON.

Susan Benson Watts, daughter of Joseph Benson and Helen Gillette,

b. Dec. 5, 1839.

Married Albert Watts, ——.

d. Nov. 24, 1872.

Buried at South Amenia, N. Y.

V.

ELEANOR BENSON.

Eleanor Benson Nightingale, daughter of Joseph Benson and Helen Gillette,

b. April 16, 1836.

Married Edwin N. Nightingale, of Quincy, Mass.

d. Sept. 15, 1895.

Buried at Quincy, Mass.



V.

EDWIN D. BENSON.

Edwin D. Benson, son of Joseph Benson and Helen Gillette,  
b. June 1837, d. Jan. 1897.

Married Adeline Rogers, Nov. 16, 1860  
d. Oct. 26, 1910.

She was born July 11, 1833.

He is buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

Two CHILDREN.

1. David Benson.

2. Ellen Benson.

VI.

DAVID BENSON.

David Benson, son of Edwin D. Benson and Adeline Rogers,  
b. Jan. 5, 1862.

Married Henrietta Louise Benson, Oct. 14, 1885.  
d. April 2, 1888.

She was born Aug. 12, 1867.

He was a telegrapher on the Hudson Division of the N. Y. Central  
R. R. and was killed while on duty.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VII.

HERBERT E. BENSON.

One CHILD.

Herbert E. Benson, son of David Benson and Henrietta Louise  
Benson.

b. July 24, 1886.

Married Margaret Zimmerman, Dec. 16, 1908.

Resides at White Plains, N. Y.

Occupation, Electrician.

VIII.

Two CHILDREN.

1. Harold David Benson, b. Feb. 21, 1919.

2. Anna Ruth Benson, b. June 4, 1912.



VI.

ELLEN BENSON.

Ellen Benson Fox, daughter of Edwin Benson and Adaline Powers.  
b. Aug. 31, 1877.  
Married Eugene Fox, Sept. 27, 1894.  
Resides at Dover Plains, N. Y.



IV.

ELIZABETH BROWN.

Elizab. Brown, daughter of John and Elizabeth Brown,  
b. Nov. 18, 1811.  
Married Charles Brown, \_\_\_\_\_.  
d. June 24, 1871.  
She was 59 years old.  
d. Feb. 10, 1878, aged 75.  
Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

FIVE CHILDREN.

1. Elizabeth Benson.
2. Sylvia Benson, b. 1831, d. April 19, 1844.
3. Jacob Benson.
4. Merritt Benson.
5. Phoebe Benson.

V.

ELIZABETH BENSON.

Elizabeth Benson Davis, daughter of Jefferson Benson and Anna  
Glenn.  
b. Nov. 15, 1818.  
Married Charles Davis, \_\_\_\_, 1848.  
d. March 31, 1874.  
Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.



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V.

### JACOB BENSON.

Jacob Benson, son of Jefferson Benson and Fannie Glenn,  
b. Jan. 1, 1833,

Married Ruth White, April 1, 1855,

d. Dec. 18, 1863, and is buried at Normandy, Tennessee.  
She was born July 6, 1834,

d. Aug. 24, 1863.

Jacob Benson enlisted in Company H, 12th Indiana Infantry  
Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers on Sept. 1, 1861, and served in the  
service until his death.

VI.

### THREE CHILDREN.

1. Elizabeth Benson.

2. Ella M. Benson, b. May 18, 1860, d. June 16, 1875.

3. Josephine Benson, b. Feb. 27, 1863, d. Feb. 22, 1866.

VI.

### ELIZABETH BENSON.

Elizabeth Benson Davis, daughter of Jacob Benson and Ruth  
White,

b. Jan. 6, 1878.

Married William Davis, Aug. 24, 1895.

Resides at 370 Evergreen Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

V.

### MANASSA BENSON.

Manassa Benson, son of Jefferson Benson and Fannie Glenn,  
b. 1837,

d. in a hospital at New Orleans, during the Civil War.  
He enlisted in the 128th Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers.



V.

ELIZABETH WELLS.

Fube Benson Wells, daughter of Jabez & Patten and Fannie Gilm.

b.----, 1839.

Married Philip Wells.

d.----, 1866.

IV.

ALANSON BENSON.

Alanson Benson, son of David Benson and Stepmother.

b. March 21, 1809.

Married Rachel Patchin, ---.

d.----, 1857.

She was born Sept. 7, 1819.

d. Dec. 4, 1859. Resided in the town of Kent, Conn.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y. Occupied farming.

V.

FOUR CHILDREN.

1. Sarah Benson.

2. Lydia Benson.

3. Garner Patchin.

4. William H. Benson, b. 1847, d. young.

V.

SARAH BENSON.

Sarah Benson Stark, daughter of Alanson Benson and Rachel Patchin.

b. May 3, 1832.

Married Cyrus Stark, Oct. 29, 1854.

He was born Nov. 15, 1812, d. Dec. 14, 1910.

They resided in the town of Dover, N. Y., and he is buried at Pawling, N. Y.

Occupation, farming.



V.

LYDIA BENSON.

Lydia Benson Hoag, daughter of Alanson Benson and Rachel Patchin.

b. April 27, 1834.

Married Sanford Hoag, Sept. 21, 1856.

d. Nov. 18, 1911.

Mr. Hoag is a resident of the town of Dover, N. Y.

VI.

GARNER BENSON.

Garnet Benson, son of Alanson Benson and Rachel Patchin.

b. March 27, 1836.

Married Mary M. Spencer, March 23, 1858.

d. April 18, 1907.

She was born Dec. 23, 1834, d. June 17, 1912. They were buried at Kent, Conn.

VI.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Millie D. Benson, b. Jan. 12, 1859, d. Mar. 7, 1876.

2. Lucy Jane Benson.

3. William A. Benson.

VI.

LUCY JANE BENSON.

Lucy Jane Benson Pierce, daughter of Garner Benson and Mary M. Spencer.

b. Jan. 21, 1861.

Married Frank W. Pierce, June 30, 1891.

Resides at Auburn, Mass.



VI.

WILLIAM A. BENSON.

William A. Benson, son of Garrison Benson and Mary M. Springer, b. Dec. 25, 1853.

Married Jennie Appleton, Jan. 21, 1882.  
d. March 4, 1905.

IV.

MARY BENSON.

Mary Benson Watts, daughter of David Benson, b. Jan. 18 in Sprague.

b. ——  
Married Elizab. Watts, ——  
d. about 1870. Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

DAVID BENSON, 2nd.

David Benson, 2nd, son of David Benson and Sarah Prague, b. 1898, d. Dec. 25, 1892.

Married Julia Cook.  
She was b. 1811, d. Dec. 22, 1844. Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

ONE CHILD.

1. Mary Benson.

Mary Benson Hall, daughter of David Benson and Julia Cook, b. Aug.—, 1839.

Married Smith J. Hall  
d. April 8, 1915.

Married Feb. 22, 1908.

His occupation was railroading. He resided at Piedmont, N. Y., but were buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.



## II.

### JOSEPH BENSON, 1st.

Of Joseph Benson, one of the first settlers at P. R., and the pioneer, we have no record of, until his name appears in the "Early History of the Town of Poughkeepsie, N. Y." and in the "Poughkeepsie Register," all three in the year of the U. S. Census of 1790.

It is probable that Joseph Benson, who had a child, Jacob, buried at South Duxbury, N. Y., and left many descendants there, was his son.

## III.

### JOSEPH BENSON, 2nd.

Joseph Benson, 2nd, whom we think was a son of Joseph the elder, was a resident in South Duxbury—

b. 1772,

d. June 15, 1812.

His will is dated April 26, 1812.

He married Lucy———.

She was b. Dec. 13, 1775, d. Oct. 23, 1829.

Buried at South Duxbury, N. Y.

## IV.

### EIGHT CHILDREN.

1. Sarah Benson.
2. Daniel L. Benson.
3. Electa Benson, d. July 25, 1811, aged 14 years.
4. Hannah Benson, b. Nov. 1, 1800, d. Aug. 10, 1863.
5. Joseph Benson, 3rd.
6. Lucy Benson, b. 1805, d. June 10, 1852 (not married).
7. Ellis Benson.
8. Aaron Benson.



#### IV.

##### SARAH BENSON.

Sarah Benson, daughter of Joseph Benson and Lucy---,  
b. Oct. 24, 1784.

Married John Dutcher, March 12, 1809, d. July 26, 1860.  
Buried at South Dover, N. Y.

Date of the original marriage of Sarah Benson is recorded in an  
old Bible printed by Field, Eng. in 1783, and now in the possession of  
her grandson, Henry J. Dutcher, of Dover Plains, N. Y.

#### V.

##### DANIEL L. BENSON.

Daniel L. Benson, son of Joseph Benson and Lucy----,  
b. Sept. 1794.

d. Feb. 12, 1831.

Married Ruth Whiteley.

She was born---, 1795, d. May 20, 1877.

He lived near Webatuck, South Dover, N. Y.

Buried at South Dover, N. Y.

#### V.

##### One Child.

1. Willis Benson.

Willis Benson, son of Daniel L. Benson and Ruth Whiteley,  
b. ---, 1826.

d. Sept. 23, 1889.

Married Mary Ann Dutcher, of South Dover, N. Y.

She was born---, 1820, d. April 9, 1902. *No issue.*

He resided on a farm near Webatuck, N. Y. Buried at South  
Dover, N. Y.



IV

JOSEPH BENSON, 3rd

Joseph Benson, son of Joseph Benson and Lucy----

b. -----, 1803.

d. May 22, 1884.

Married Eunice Burton.

She was born -----, 1808, d. Sept. 15, 1884, aged 76 years. Both were buried at South Dover, N. Y. He resided on "Wid Mountain," in Connecticut.

V.

TWO CHILDREN

1. Ruth Ann Benson.

2. Lucy M. Benson.

VI.

RUTH ANN BENSON.

Ruth Ann Benson Dunbar, daughter of Joseph Benson and Eunice Burton,

b. June 4, 1840.

Married George S. Dunbar, Jan. 1, 1852, d. Jan. 17, 1890.

He was born Feb. 25, 1826, d. Dec. 4, 1908.

Buried in Ellsworth, Conn., Cemetery.

V.

LUCY M. BENSON.

Lucy M. Benson Dutcher, Peck, daughter of Joseph Benson and Eunice Burton,

b. May 3, 1832.

Married 1st, Newton Dutcher, March 18, 1859.

Married 2nd, Watson W. Peck-----.

He was born March 30, 1834, d. March 29, 1874.

She d. May 22, 1914. Both she and her second husband resided at Torrington, Conn., and are buried there.



## IV.

### E. EBS BENSON.

Ellis Benson, son of James Benson and Mary ——, b.—, 1800, d. Aug. 1, 1862.

Married 1st, Judith Ann Whiteley, b.—, d. Dec. 1, 1841, in Meriden, Conn. His wife died.

She was b. 1812, d. Sept. 1, 1862.

They resided at South Dover, N. H.

He died at the same place owned by Eliza and Wm. Benson, at Woodstock.

## V.

### TRINITY CHURCH, the first where.

1. Ann Eliza Benson.
2. Ruth Amelia Benson.
3. Cordelia Benson, b.—, 1843, d. Jan. 28, 1862.

## V.

### ANN ELIZA BENSON.

Ann Eliza Benson Haight, daughter of Ellis Benson and Judith Ann Whiteley.

b.—, 1817, d. Aug. 9, 1861.  
Married Henry G. Haight.

## V.

### RUTH AMELIA BENSON.

Ruth Amelia Benson Haight, daughter of Ellis Benson and Judith Ann Whiteley.

b.—, 1819, d. Dec. 23, 1853.  
Married Henry G. Haight.

All of the family now reside at South Dover, N. H.

Mr. Haight resided in the town of Andover, N. H., and built the house where Emanuel C. Benson now lives about 1870. He conducted a meat market at Dover Plains, N. Y.



## APPENDIX.

Aaron Benson, son of Joseph Benson, died May 1800,

b. 1802,

Buried at the Balfour, ---,

d. April 7, 1807.

She was born April 1800,

d. Jan. 8, 1812. — No father.

The residence in the town of Franklin, Maine, where Aaron and his wife were buried, has not been definitely established by the records.

The records of the First Congregational Church of Franklin because they record one descendant of Aaron, do not furnish any information.

In addition to those of whom no record is available, it is noted there is a stone in the cemetery there described as follows: "Aaron and wife, buried at Franklin, Maine, April 7, 1807."

Richard T. Mather, Jr., of Boston, Mass., April 24, 1884, certified that a will was probated in Franklin, Maine, on the 11th instant, signed, among others, by Lydia, Benson, Remond Benson and Susanna Benson.<sup>9</sup>



## SAMUEL BENSON, 1st. —

Samuel Benson, an elder son of John Benson, the Pioneer, as mentioned in his will, is said to have been born at Providence, Rhode Island. Diligent research fails to determine the dates of his birth and decease. It is known, however, that he was living at some time in 1813, because his son, Samuel, was born in that year, and the story is that he made him a wedding present of a bushel of rye, which Samuel, Jr., used for his first sowing on the West Mountain farm, long known as the "Chester" place. According to a deed executed in 1800, the elder Samuel was not then living, for he had previously sold a part of his farm in the northern part of the town of Amenia, N. Y., for which he paid £100 of Dutch silver, to his son, John, who retained it in trust for his brother, Joshua, subject to the right of dower of Abigail Benson, the widow of Samuel. He married Rachel Darling, of Mardon, Mass., about 1789.

Samuel Benson served in the Revolutionary war as a member of the Sixth Regiment, Ulster County Militia, which is certified by J. A. Holden, State Librarian of New York, elsewhere in these records.

## III.

## SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Samuel Benson, 2nd.
2. Joshua Benson.
3. Peletiah Benson. (*No record*)
4. John Benson.
5. Philadelphia Benson.
6. Polly Benson.
7. Abigail Benson.



### III.

#### SAMUEL BENSON, 2nd.

Samuel Benson, 2nd, son of Samuel Benson, 1st, and Rachel Darling,

b. at Amenia, N. Y., Jan. 22, 1796;

d. July 21, 1861.

Married Sally Knapp, of Litchfield, Otsego County, N. Y., in 1814.

It is related that their marriage was a rough one, the bride accompanying her husband to his home in Butcher's Gap, N. Y., on horseback.

Sally was born 1796 and d. in Dover, N. Y., May 16, 1867, aged 70 years and 9 months. They were buried in the Cemetery at Dover Plains, N. Y.

Samuel and his wife began married life on a farm located on the East Mountain, but some years afterwards purchased a farm in the valley in the town of Dover, N. Y., where he erected a substantial dwelling and where the remains of both lie interred. This farm is now owned by Joseph Ryan, who married a daughter, right of Samuel.

### IV.

#### ELEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Joseph H. Benson.
2. Samuel Knapp Benson.
3. John J. Benson.
4. James Van Ness Benson, b. 12, '37
5. Joshua B. Benson, b. 12, '37
6. Sally Jane Benson, b. 12, '37
7. Adah H. Benson, b. 12, '37
8. Ebenezer W. Benson, b. 12, '37
9. Darius Sherman Benson, b. 12, '37
10. Harriet M. Benson, b. 12, '37
11. Charles N. Benson, b. 12, '37



V.

JOSEPH HARRISON BENSON.

Joseph H. Benson, son of Daniel Benson, married Mary Knapp,  
b. Sept. 8, 1815,

d. Dec. 24, 1891.

Married Helen S. Hall, b. 1835.

She was born March 31, 1835, d. June 15, 1889.

Joseph H. Benson died November 18, 1891, in the town of Medina,  
N. Y., his residence at first being the same as now occupied by his  
grandson, Hadley H. Benson.

V.

EIGHT CHILDREN.

1. Helen Lavinia Benson, b. Dec. 11, 1855, d. Nov. 19, 1856.
2. Frederick D. Benson, b. Jan. 9, 1859, d. May 7, 1879.
3. Mary E. Benson.
4. Pratt Joseph Benson.
5. Franklin De Peyster Benson.
6. Augusta E. Benson.
7. John Homer Benson, b. March 31, 1858, d. March 12, 1868.
8. Ellen B. Benson.

V.

MARY E. BENSON.

Mary Benson Case, daughter of Joseph H. Benson and Helen  
S. Hall,

b. March 16, 1859.

Married Truman E. Case, Sept. 24, 1877.

He is a merchant, and they reside at 19 Bedford Street, Norwich,  
N. Y.



V.

PLATT J. BENSON.

Platt J. Benson, son of Platt J. Benson and Eliza A. Hall, b. April 1, 1832.

Married Estelle Northrup, Oct. 6, 1857.

She was b. Oct. 2, 1836, d. Nov. 3, 1870.

Married Edna Farnham, Feb. 1, 1881.

She was born April 1, 1858, d. Jan. 1, 1887.

He is a farmer and resides at "The Tower," in the town of Amenia, N. Y.

VI.

MRS. CHILDREN OF PLATT J. BENSON.

1. Clarence Oakley Benson.
2. Sadie Estelle Benson.
3. Josephine Benson, b. Dec. 1, 1858.
4. Helen May Benson.
5. Harley Lorraine Benson.
6. Mio Benson, b. Dec. 17, 1884, d. April 19, 1887.
7. Anna May Benson.
8. Flora Dickerman Benson, b. June 8, 1891.
9. Flossie May Benson, b. June 8, 1891.

The last two named are twin sisters. Flora is at home with her father, and Flossie is a public school teacher.

VI.

CLARENCE OAKLEY BENSON.

Clarence O. Benson, son of Platt J. Benson and Flora Dickerman, b. Jan. 31, 1851.

Married Iinez F. Northrup, Oct. 6, 1877.

She was born April 24, 1858.

He is a teacher in the public schools.

Resides on "Tower Hill," in the town of Amenia, N. Y.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Huber Northrup Benson, b. Nov. 16, 1911.



VI.

SADIE ESTELLA BENSON,

Sadie E. Benson, daughter of Platt J. Benson and Flora Dicker-  
man.

b. March 30, 1876.

d. Feb. 16, 1916 (posthumous).

She was a public school teacher.

VI.

JOSEPH HARRISON BENSON, 2nd.

Joseph H. Benson, 2nd, son of Platt J. Benson and Flora Dicker-  
b. April 8, 1878.

Married Alberta Carver, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, June—,  
1912.

VI.

HELEN SOUTHWORTH BENSON.

Helen S. Benson, daughter of Platt J. Benson and Flora Dicker-  
man.

b. Dec. 31, 1879.

She is a teacher of Domestic Science.

VI.

HADLEY HINMAN BENSON.

Hadley H. Benson, son of Platt J. Benson and Flora Dicker-  
man.

b. April 25, 1882.

Resides on the homestead farm formerly his grandfather's, in the  
town of Amenia, N. Y.

He is a Justice of the Peace, and School Director.



VI.

ANNA MARY GUNSON

Anna M. Gunson, daughter of Peter J. Benson and Anna Dickerson  
Benson.

b. March 30, 1887.

She is a school teacher, having a position in one of the State  
Normal Schools.



V.

FRANKLIN D. BENSON, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Franklin D. Benson, 1st, son of Dr. George Benson and Barbara Hall.

b. March 22, 1854.

Moved to Germantown, the daughter of Rev. C. G. and Mary May Gay, of Darien, Conn., Oct. 24, 1861.

She was born Dec. 17, 1851.

He was a physician in the town of Dover, N. H.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Luther Augustus Benson.
2. Franklin D. Benson, b. Nov. 21, 1861.
3. Fannie Augusta Benson, b. Oct. 4, 1864.



VI.

LUTHER JOSEPH BENSON.

Luther J. Benson, son of Franklin D. Benson and Carmel Gay, b. Dec. 2, 1888.

Married Marian Gertrude Stewart, of Kent, Conn., June 16, 1911. She was b. Nov. 14, 1892.

He is a graduate Veterinarian of Cornell University, and practices his profession at Pawling, N. Y.

VI.

FRANKLIN DE PEYSTER BENSON, 2nd.

Franklin D. Benson, 2nd, son of Franklin D. Benson and Carmel Gay,

b. Aug. 12, 1896.

Married Ethel B. Gerkin, of Pawling, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1912. She was b. May 14, 1890.

He is a farmer and breeder of thoroughbred Holstein cattle, and resides at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VII.

Two CHILDREN.

1. Ethel Blanche Benson, b. Dec. 16, 1913.

2. Franklin De Peyster Benson, 3rd, b. May 25, 1915.



## V

## ELIZABETH E. BISHOP.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bishop, daughter of Joseph H. Benson and Helen Hall.

b. Feb. 12, 1856.

Married Clarence A. Bishop, Feb. 10, 1879.

He is a merchant, and they reside at 12 Broad Street, Norwich, N. Y.

## VI.

## ELLEN B. BENSON.

Ellen Benson Irish, daughter of Joseph H. Benson and Helen Hall.

b. April 25, 1860.

Married Fred M. Irish, Feb. 10, 1880.

d. June 26, 1883.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

## IV.

## SAMUEL KNAPP BENSON.

Samuel K. Benson, son of Samuel Benson, 2nd, and Sally Knapp.

b. June 18, 1817.

d. Sept. 8, 1888.

Married Ruth Ann W. Clark, June 29, 1844.

She was born N. J. May 27.

His occupation was farming in the southern part of the town of Amenia, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

## VI.

## SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Emily Rebecca Benson.
2. Anna Maria Benson.
3. Samuel Theodore Benson, b. July 19, 1849, d. Feb. 15, 1872.
4. Thomas Swift Benson.
5. William F. Benson.
6. Emosard Uriel Benson.
7. Frances Luisa Benson.



VI.

EMILY REBECCA BENSON.

Emily R. Benson Schenckhorn, daughter of Samuel K. Benson and Ruth Wheeler.

b. March 9, 1845.

d. Oct. 17, 1900.

Married John L. Schenckhorn, July 12, 1862.

Home was in the town of Amenia, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

ANNA MARIA BENSON.

Anna M. Benson Jenkins, daughter of Samuel K. Benson and Ruth Wheeler.

b. Sept. 22, 1846.

d. Dec. 4, 1904.

Married Aris H. Jenkins, April 10, 1869.

Home was in Amenia, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

THOMAS SWIFT BENSON.

Thomas S. Benson, son of Samuel R. Benson and Ruth Ann Wheeler.

b. Oct. 5, 1851.

Married Sarah N. Morse, Oct. 15, 1875. (*No issue*)

Resides at the "Steel Works," town of Amenia, N. Y.



VI.

WILLIAM M. BENSON,

son of Samuel K. Benson and Ruth Ann Wheeler.

b. Feb. 24, 1854.

d. Mar. 7, 1905.

Married Fannie M. Wheeler, Feb. 24, 1875.

Slept his last Aug. 7, 1905.

He resided in the Reservoir Hill section of the town of Amenia, N. Y.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

I. Nellie Louise Benson, b. Feb. 17, 1891.

VI.

ELAINE E. CONNIE BENSON,

Emanuel C. Benson, son of Samuel K. Benson and Ruth Ann Wheeler.

b. May 24, 1856.

Married Jennie E. Moren, Sept. 2, 1876.

She was born Sept. 21, 1854.

He is known as "Doctor" Benson and lives on a farm in the southern part of the town of Amenia, N. Y.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

I. Lawrence E. Benson, b. Aug. 19, 1901.

VI.

FRANCES LOUISA BENSON.

Frances L. Benson Benson, daughter of Samuel K. Benson and Ruth Ann Wheeler.

b. March 3, 1859.

d. Sept. 21, 1908.

Married Pitt J. Benson, Jan. 16, 1895.

Resided in Amenia, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.



IV.

JOHN JACOB BENSON.

John J. Benson, son of Samuel Benson, 2nd, and Sally Knapp,  
b. Oct. 2, 1819.

Married 1st, Margaret Irish, Feb. 12, 1830.

She was b. in ----, 1802,

d. ----, 1867.

Married 2nd, Charlotte Bates, Oct. --, 1871.

She was b. Nov. 8, 1820,

d. Oct. 2, 1874.

He d. May 8, 1880.

He was a farmer, and resided in the town of Washington, N. Y.,  
near "Little Rest."

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

THREE CHILDREN by first wife.

1. Ovid P. Benson.

2. John J. Benson.

3. Hannah Benson, d. Nov. 2, 1880, aged 16 years.

VI.

OVID P. BENSON.

Ovid P. Benson, son of John J. Benson and Margaret Irish.

b. Aug. 22, 1853.

Married Martha Dutcher, Sept. 25, 1873.

She was born Oct. 30, 1850.

Resides on a farm in the town of Washington, N. Y.

VI.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Frederick Benson.

2. Ovid P. Benson, Jr., b. Nov. 8, 1890.



VI.

FREDERICK BENSON.

Frederick Benson, son of Ovid P. Benson and Martha Dohcher,  
b. Aug. 13, 1878.

Married Hattie Snedeker, Nov. 5, 1903.

She was born June 5, 1876.

He died May 13, 1905.

Resided with his father in the town of Washington, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Paul Benson, b. Sept. 9, 1904.

V.

JOHN J. BENSON, 2nd.

John J. Benson, 2nd, son of John J. Benson and Margaret Irish,  
b. Sept. 20, 1862 (unmarried).

Resides with his brother in the town of Washington, N. Y.



#### IV.

##### JAMES VAN NESS BYNTHON.

James Van Ness, son of Samuel Benson, Jr., and Sally Knapp,  
b. April 10, 1801, d. Jan. 4, 1862.

Married 1st, Marietta Hulcut, of Denmark, N. Y., on Feb. 23, 1834.

She was born April 13, 1802,  
d. Oct. 3, 1872.

Married 2nd, Caroline Hulcut, of Denmark, N. Y., on Feb. 7, 1874.

She was born Sept. 21, 1810.  
He is buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

#### V.

##### SIX CHILDREN by first wife.

1. Clark H. Benson.
2. Geo. W. Van Ness Benson.
3. Martha Benson, b. Aug. 14, 1838, d. March 15, 1865.
4. Sarah Charlotte Benson, b. Aug. 7, 1839, d. Sept. 25, 1869.
5. Caroline Letitia Benson, b. Oct. 5, 1862, d. May 15, 1873.
6. Mary Josephine Benson.
7. Harriet Maria Benson, b. July 15, 1874 (not married).



## V.

## CLARK H. BENSON.

Clark H. Benson, son of James V. Benson and Marietta Hufcutt, b. Dec. 25, 1854.

Marietta Nina Oxley, of Dighton, Mass., Nov. 27, 1887.  
She was born in Clermont Co., Ohio, Aug. 1863,  
d. May 16, 1911.

He resides on the homestead farm of his father in the town of Dover, N. Y.

## VI.

## SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Frederick Chester Benson, b. July 31, 1892.
2. Robert Oxley Benson, b. Sept. 13, 1893.
3. Jessie Gertrude Benson, b. Sept. 13, 1895.
4. McPherson James Benson, b. June 4, 1897.
5. William Suzanne Benson, b. March 29, 1899.
6. Clark Henry Benson, b. Dec. 14, 1901.
7. Martha Adella Benson, b. April 1, 1904.



V.

GEOERGE VAN NEST BENSON.

George V. Benson, son of James V. Benson and Minetta Bryant, b. July 1, 1857.  
Married Carrie E. Fry, Nov. 21, 1881.  
She was born Feb. 2, 1861.  
He is a right-handed farmer, supervisor of the town of  
Dover, residing at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

Two Children.

1. James Abbott Benson.
2. Julia Cecilia Benson, b. June 22, 1892.

VI.

JAMES ALFRED BENSON.

James A. Benson, son of George V. Benson and Carrie E. Fry, b. April 2, 1864.  
Married Lila Thompson, 1910.  
She was born Aug. 11, 1872.  
He lives on his father's farm, Dover Plains, N. Y.

VII.

One Child.

1. Lester Hegel Benson, b. April 12, 1914.



V.

MARY JOSEPHINE BIRND.

Mary J. Benson Bird, daughter of James V. Benson and Madieetta Hulbert.

b. Feb. 28, 1867.

Married James Bird, Oct. 12, 1891.

They reside at Bradleyville, Conn.

V.

HORATIO SEYMOUR BENSON.

One Child by second wife of James V. Benson.

Horatio S. Benson, son of James V. Benson and Caroline Elment.  
b. Dec. 24, 1874.

Married Emma Frances Butts, Jan. 1, 1896.

She was born March 11, 1875.

He has taught for many years in the public schools, and was the first principal of the Children's School at Dover Plains.

Resides at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

ONE CHILD.

I. Horatio Seymour Benson, Jr., b. May 15, 1913.



IV.

JOSHUA B. BENSON.

Joshua B. Benson son of Samuel Benson, and Sally Knapp,  
b. July 6, 1826.

d. June 4, 1894.

Married Susan Tarpenning, Nov. ----, 1852.

Susan born May ----, 1831.

He formerly lived on the farm in Dover, N. Y., now owned by  
James McCarthy.

V.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Mary Jane Benson.

2. Sarah Elizabeth Benson.

3. Alice Benson.

V.

MARY JANE BENSON.

Mary J. Benson Sturges, Litchfield, daughter of Joshua B.  
Benson and Susan Tarpenning.

b. April ----, 1867.

Married 1st, Edward Sturges, June ----, 1894.

He died----.

Married 2nd, ----Litchfield.

Resides in New York City.

V.

SARAH ELIZABETH BENSON.

Sarah E. Benson Weaver—daughter of Joshua B. Benson and  
Susan Tarpenning.

b. Jan. ----, 1880.

d. March 17, 1903.

Married ---- Weaver, ----, 1901.

Resided at Gaylordsville, Conn.



V.

ALICE BENSON.

Alice Benson Cypher, daughter of Joshua B. Benson and Susan Tatpenning.

b. June 22, 1855.

Married George Cypher, Feb. 22, 1887.

Resides at Mill Plain, Conn.

IV.

SARAH JANE BENSON.

Sarah Jane Benson Irish, daughter of Samuel Benson, 2nd, and Sally Knapp.

b. Dec. 13, 1829.

d. May 22, 1876.

Married Elias Irish, Feb. 18, 1857.

She was buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

ADAH H. BENSON.

Adah H. Benson Dutcher, daughter of Samuel Benson, 2nd, and Sally Knapp.

b. March 14, 1832.

d. March 3, 1903.

Married John G. Dutcher, Nov. 11, 1857.

He was b. ——, d. ——.

They were buried at South Dover, N. Y.

They resided on a farm near Webstuck, N. Y.



## IV

### EBENEZER W. BENSON.

Ebenezer W. Benson, son of Samuel Benson, and Sally Knapp, b. Nov. 17, 1831,

d. Feb. 17, 1868.

Married Emily Doolittle, ——.

She was born ——, 1837.

d. Sept. 21, 1865.

He resided on a farm near Webberville, South Dakota, N. Y., formerly owned by Ellis Benson and is buried in the Cemetery at the latter place.

## V.

### TWO CHILDREN.

1. Jacob Benson, b. 1861, d. 1874.

2. Eliza Benson, b. 1867, d. 1867.

## IV.

### DARIUS SHERMAN BENSON.

Darius S. Benson, son of Samuel Benson, and Sally Knapp, b. Nov. 24, 1836.

Married Polly Jane Dutcher, April 1, 1865.

She was born Aug. 29, 1843.

d. April 25, 1902.

He resides in the town of Amelia, N. Y., on the farm he purchased some years ago of the estate of John M. Swift, and which he later sold to his son, Ernest C. Benson.

## V.

### SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Myron D. Benson.

2. Charles H. Benson.

3. Samuel A. Benson.

4. Herbert Benson.

5. Carrie Amelia Benson.

6. George M. Benson.

7. Ernest C. Benson.



V.

MYRON D. BENSON.

Myron D. Benson, son of Darius S. Benson and Polly Jane Dutcher.

b. March 31, 1867.

d. Aug. 22, 1902.

Married Eliza D. Benson on April 11, 1888.

She was born at Kent, Conn., July 23, 1868.

She resides at Kent Plains, Conn.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Roland Gardner Benson.
2. Howard Lurey Benson, b. July 17, 1892.
3. Kent Holt Benson, b. Nov. 6, 1894.

Howard L. is an engineer and resides at Derby, Conn.



VI.

ROBERT CLARK BISHOP.

Roland G. Bishop, son of Major D. Bishop and Edna D. Bishop.  
b. Jan. 14, 1889.

Married Elsie Brundage, of Devon, Conn., Jan. 5, 1910.  
She was born Nov. 3, 1889.

His occupation is the mink, and his residence is at Derby, Conn.

VII.

One Child.

I. Luella May Benson, b. March 11, 1913.

V.

CHARLES H. BENSON.

Charles H. Benson, son of Darius S. Benson and Polly Jane Dutcher.

b. Dec. 28, 1878.

Married Beretice Yetter, Nov. 7, 1897.  
She was born Sept. 1, 1878.

He resides at Wethersley, Iowa, where in 1915, he is serving his second term as County Clerk.

VI.

One Child.

I. Judd Benson, b. July 2, 1899.

V.

SAMUEL A. BENSON.

Samuel A. Benson, son of Darius S. Benson and Polly Jane Dutcher.

b. Oct. 23, 1876

Married Ella Franks, Feb. 25, 1891.  
She was born Feb. 7, 1871.

He is a farmer in the town of Amenia, N. Y.



## VI.

## The Children.

1. Mary de la Poer, b. Aug. 22, 1842, d. Nov. 2, 1895.
2. General Charles de la Poer, b. June 1, 1844, d. Sept. 2, 1898.
3. Lord Alfred de la Poer, b. Oct. 7, 1851, d. Nov. 12, 1885.
4. Lewis de la Poer, b. Dec. 1, 1853.
5. Bertrice Maria de la Poer, b. Nov. 1, 1856.
6. Charles de la Poer, b. May 5, 1858.
7. General Sir Charles de la Poer, G.C.B., b. 1860.
8. General Sir George de la Poer, b. April 2, 1862.
9. Dennis de la Poer, b. May 2, 1864.
10. Myra de la Poer, b. Oct. 1, 1870.



V.

HUBERT C. BENSON.

Herbert Benson, son of Darius S. Benson and Polly Jane Dutcher,  
b. July 27, 1872.

Married Anna Lucia Anderson, Oct. 3, 1901.  
She was born May 16, 1880.

Their residence is at Cigallah, Kansas.

VI.

Two Children.

1. Carl Benson, b. Feb. 6, 1903.
2. Lulu Benson, b. July 4, 1905.

V.

CARRIE AMILIA BENSON.

Carrie A. Benson Ryan, daughter of Darius S. Benson and Polly  
Jane Dutcher,

b. June 21, 1856.

d. Jan. 22, 1904.

Married Joseph Ryan, Feb. 19, 1902.

Resided on the homeestead farm of her grandfather, Samuel Ben-  
son, in the town of Dover, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

GEORGE M. BENSON.

George M. Benson, son of Darius S. Benson and Polly Jane  
Dutcher.

b. July 8, 1877.

Married Inez Butts, July 4, 1902.

She was born Jan. 15, 1878.

He lives in Amenia, N. Y.

VI.

One Child.

1. Earl Stanley Benson, b. June 3, 1903.



V.

FRANCIS C. BENSON.

Francis C. Benson, son of Darius S. Benson, and Polly Dingley Dutcher.

b. May 8, 1854.

He owns the John M. Smith farm in the southern part of the town of Amenia, N. Y.

IV.

HARRIET M. BENSON.

Harriet M. Benson Dutcher, daughter of Samuel Benson, 2nd, and Sally Knapp.

b. Dec. 4, 1838.

Married J. Van Ness Dutcher, April 18, 1861.

He was born June 11, 1818.

d. Jan. 27, 1892.

He resided on a farm near Wingdale, south Dover, N. Y.

IV.

CHARLES N. BENSON.

Charles N. Benson, son of Samuel Benson, 2nd, and Sally Knapp.

b. June 13, 1842.

d. March 14, 1890.

He was buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.



### III.

#### JOSHUA BENSON,

John Benson, son of Samuel Benson, b. and d. at Darien,

b. May 6, 1780,

d. Feb. 11, 1850.

Married Amanda Hopkins, of Warren, Conn., April 26, 1817.

She was born Nov. 17, 1796.

d. July 31, 1873.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

He was born and died on the homestead farm of his father, Samuel Benson, and his wife—a person in nearly all respects. This farm is in the southern part of the town of Dover, N. Y., on the Dover line. At the present time it is occupied by his grandson, Arthur T. Benson. His children are of the fifth generation in direct descent, to live there.

### IV.

#### FOURTEEN CHILDREN.

(All of whom lived to mature years.)

1. Lodema Cornelia Benson.
2. Henry Davis Benson.
3. George Salmon Benson.
4. Jacob Van Ness Benson.
5. Amanda Marietta Benson.
6. Polly Jennette Benson.
7. Zadie Jemima Benson.
8. Joshua De Wit Benson.
9. Rachel Ann Benson.
10. Sarah Cornelia Benson.
11. John Edwin Benson.
12. Maria Loraine Benson.
13. Theresa Amelia Benson.
14. Egbert Hopkins Benson.



V.

LORALIA CO., IOWA.—W. Thompson.

Leontine C. Benson, daughter of John and Anna (Anderson) Benson,  
b. Feb. 14, 1818,

d. Oct. 28, 1893.

Married Milon Gray, Feb. 14, 1836.

Resided at Chapin, Franklin Co., Iowa.

VI.

HENRY DAVIS BENSON.

Henry D. Benson, son of Leontine Benson and Andrew Chapman,  
b. Feb. 2, 1826.

d. Oct. 2, 1893.

Married Anna E. Davis, April 31, 1851.

She was born April 1, 1831, d. Sept. 1895.

They resided at Clinton, Iowa.

For more than a quarter of a century he was employed in the  
repair shops of the C. & N. W. R. R. Co. at Clinton, Iowa.

Buried at Clinton, Iowa.

V.

SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Florence Agatha Benson.
2. Alice A. Benson.
3. Byron A. Benson.
4. Annis A. Benson.
5. Robert Henry Benson.
6. Emma E. Benson, b. April 17, 1853, deceased.
7. Festus Elbridge Benson.



### V. FLORENCE AGATHA BENSON.

Florence A. Benson Bush, daughter of Henry D. Benson and Annis E. Ferris,

b. May 15, 1851.

Married Charles L. Bush---, 1873.

He was born Nov. 1, 1848.

b. Dec. 1, 1848.

Henry was a veteran of the civil war, having been a thermometer reader at New York, he was a member of the late 6th Inf. at Melville, & Alabamaville, Ga. Paul has filled various posts as an employee in the Money Order Department of the Chicago post office.

### V.

### ALICE A. BENSON.

Alice A. Benson Farr, daughter of Henry D. Benson and Annis E. Ferris.

b. Nov. 5, 1854.

Married William Farr---.

He died---.

She resides in the West.

### V.

### BYRON A. BENSON.

Byron A. Benson, son of Henry D. Benson and Annis E. Ferris.

b. April 14, 1855.

Married Nellie A. Poll, Oct. 7, 1883.

She was born---.

No issue.

He is employed by the C. & N. W. R. R. Co., at Clinton, Iowa.

### V.

### ANNIS A. BENSON.

Annis A. Benson Deming, daughter of Henry D. Benson and Annis E. Ferris.

b. Oct. 6, 1856.

Married Olin L. Deming, Oct. 6, 1875. Was born Sept. 4, 1866.

Residence, 16 Mersenne Place, North Yonkers, N. Y. Mr. Deming is associated with the American Can Co., in a responsible capacity.



V.

ROBERT HENRY BENSON.

Robert H. Benson, son of Henry D. Benson and Annis E. Ferris,  
b. Dec. 17, 1862.

Married Jessie Parker, -----,  
Resides at Clinton, Iowa.  
Occupation, merchant.

VI.

FOUR CHILDREN.

1. George F. Benson, b. Feb. 15, 1894; d. Oct. 23, 1895.
2. Robert W. Benson, b. Aug. 17, 1896.
3. Florence J. Benson, b. May 31, 1898.
4. Eugene E. Benson, b. July 21, 1902.



## V.

## FESTUS PLACIDUS DON

Festus R. Don, son of Henry Don, deceased, and Anna R. Don, b. June 25, 1871.  
 Died at the home of his wife,  
 who was born in 1871.  
 Resides at Chico, Calif.  
 Occupation, teacher.

## VI.

## SEAN CUNNINGHAM

1. Ellis Cunningham, b. March 10, 1865.
2. George M. Cunningham, b. April 10, 1868.
3. Curtis W. Cunningham, Nov. 11, 1891.
4. Edmund J. Cunningham, Nov. 11, 1891.
5. James Ryan Cunningham, Oct. 1, 1894.
6. Maynard Cunningham, Dec. 1, 1896.
7. Virtus M. Cunningham, April 2, 1898.



IV.

GEOFFREY BENSON HOPKINS

George Sheldon Benson, son of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. Apr. 7, 1822.

d. April 11, 1847.

At the time of his death he was a student at the Nine Partners Boarding School in the town of Washington, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

JACOB VAN NESS BENSON.

J. Van Ness Benson, son of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. April 24, 1824.

d. July 26, 1867.

Married Francis J. Tompkins, Aug. 4, 1859.

She was born Aug. 21, 1837.

In 1855 he purchased the homestead farm of his father in the town of Amenia, N. Y., and spent the remainder of his life there.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

Third Children.

1. Arthur Tompkins Benson.

2. Catherine Alice G. Benson.

3. Walter Hopkins Benson.

V.

ARTHUR TOMPKINS BENSON.

Arthur T. Benson, son of J. Van Ness Benson and Frances J. Tompkins.

b. May 20, 1859.

Married Kate Clark Bartlett, at Leeds, Iowa, Oct. 7, 1880.

She was born at Southford, Conn., Dec. 21, 1867.

Resides on the homestead farm of his father, grandfather and great grandfather, in the southern part of the town of Amenia, N. Y.



V.U.

PEAVEN, C. ALICE - K.

1. Marian Jeromee Peavens, b. Sept. 29, 1891.
2. Rachel Theresa Benson, b. Oct. 1, 1892.
3. Frances Mildred Peavens, b. July 26, 1894.
4. James De Vile Benson, b. Jan. 29, 1896.
5. Arthur Peavens, b. Oct. 11, 1897.
6. Byron Michael Benson, b. Dec. 23, 1899.
7. Ralph Lucius Benson, b. Jan. 14, 1900.



V

CATHARINE MARY ANDERSON VAN NESS.

Catharine A. Benson, daughter, born of A. Van Ness Benson and Frances J. Tempkins.

b. April 14, 1874.

Married Charles D. Anderson, April 14, 1895.

Resides in New York City.

Mr. Anderson is a member of the class of '93 at Cornell University, and has taught there for a long time in the department of And its methods. After the end of the war he was employed by the U. S. Cavalry, serving in the U. S. Cavalry. Subsequently he was appointed on the payroll of the New York Central Railroad, and later he became an engineer on the Hudson Division of the N. Y. Central R. R., retiring some years ago to his farm at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

WALTER HOPKINS BENSON.

Walter H. Benson, son of A. Van Ness Benson and Frances J. Tempkins.

b. July 23, 1870.

Married Mary Bierze, of Pawling, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1893.

She was born Oct. 24, 1870.

Resides at Chatham, N. Y.

Occupation engineer on Harlem Division of New York Central R. R. Co.

VI.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Walter Van Ness Benson, b. Jan. 31, 1894. He is a student, (1915) at Cornell University.

2. Frances May Benson, b. May 27, 1896.

3. Katherine Irene Benson, b. Dec. 19, 1898.



IV.

AMANDA MARIETTA BENSON.

Amanda M. Benson Darling, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. March 11, 1825.

d. Feb. 5, 1894.

Married Charles P. Darling, June 1, 1846.

Soon afterwards removed to Wisconsin, and subsequently to Teeds, Iowa, where they died and are buried.

IV.

POLLY JEANNETTE BENSON.

Polly J. Benson Dutcher, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. March 11, 1825.

d. Sept. 25, 1893.

Married William H. Dutcher, March 18, 1852.

He was b. April 29, 1837, d. May 13, 1904.

They resided at Dover Plains, N. Y., and are buried in the cemetery there.



IV.

ZADIE HENRY BENSON.

Zadie J. Benson, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. April 21, 1847.

d. March 23, 1877; not married.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

JOSHUA DE WITT BENSON.

Joshua D. Benson, son of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. April 21, 1839.

d. April 23, 1880.

Married Susan A. Peabody, Dec. 5, 1857.

She was born Feb. 11, 1835, at N. Y., N. Y.

Resided at Teeds, Iowa.

IV.

RACHEL ANN BENSON.

Rachel A. Benson, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. April 28, 1831.

d. March 2, 1864; not married.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

SARAH CORNELIA BENSON.

Sarah C. Benson Walker, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. May 13, 1833.

d. Feb. 1, 1869.

Married Henry Walker, ——, 1858, at Elk River, Iowa.

She was buried at Teeds, Iowa.



## IV.

## JOHN LEAVIN BROWN.

John L. Brown, son of Joshua Brown and Amanda Hopkins, b. April 24, 1833; d. March 20, 1895.  
Married Maria Morgan, May 4, 1858.  
She was born Nov. 21, 1837,  
d. March 20, 1895.

## V.

## TWO CHILDREN.

1. Addie Claudia Benson, b. June 26, 1860, d. Oct. 17, 1891.
2. Adele Laurie Benson.

## VI.

## ANNIE LAURIE BENSON.

Annie L. Benson Hutchison, daughter of John L. Benson and Emily Ensign.

b. Feb. 8, 1871.

Married Fred H. Johnson, Oct. 1, 1894.

Mr. Hutchinson is a conductor in the passenger service of the N. Y. Central R. R. Co.

Resides at Chitten, N. Y.

## IV.

## MARIA LORENA BENSON.

Maria L. Benson, Morgan, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. July 7, 1836.

d. April 29, 1885.

He was b. Sept. 14, 1832, d. Oct. 21, 1883.

Married Henry Morgan, May 4, 1858.

He died and was buried at Beaver, Colo.

She was buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.



IV.

THERESA AMELIA BENSON.

Theresa A. Benson Ryan, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins,

b. Sept. 19, 1848.

Married Robert Benson Ryan, April 14, 1864.

He was born July 15, 1847, at ...

He is a retired business man of White Plains, N. Y., where they reside at 31 Grand St.

V.

One Child.

1. Irving Benson Ryan, b. July 25, 1878, d. Aug. 29, 1907.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

EGDERT HOPKINS BENSON.

Egbert H. Benson, son of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins,

b. Feb. 26, 1842.

d. Feb. 2, 1914.

Married Sarah Hopkins, Aug. 31, 1872.

She was born Feb. 5, 1849.

Residence Rockford, Floyd Co., Iowa.

V.

Two CHILDREN.

1. Irving Hopkins Benson.

2. ----- (died in infancy) Aug. 27, 1873.



V.

IRVING HOPKINS BENSON.

Irving H. Benson, son of Egbert H. Benson and Sarah Hopkins.  
b. ----, 1873.

Married 1st, Fannie Pfieff, of Clinton, Iowa, Dec. 13, 1895.

She was born Jan. 4, 1869, d.-----.

Married 2nd, Agnesia Cynthia Prentice, of Walden, Ill., Sept. 19, 1914.

She was born Dec. 21, 1868, at Galesburg, Ill.

His occupation is City Collector of the Chicago & N. W. R. R. Co., at Chicago, Ill.

Residence, 657 North Central Avenue, Austin, Ill.

VI.

ONE CHILD (by first marriage).

1. Egbert Hopkins Benson, 2nd, b. Dec. 16, 1896.



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Amenia, N. Y., March 25, 1801.

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for his wife and children.  
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### III.

#### JOHN BENSON, 1st.

John Benson, son of Jacob Benson the 1st, lived and died on a farm in the southern part of the town of Amenia, N. Y., near the Dover line. The farm is now owned by Edmund C. Benson. The original house was replaced about 1810 by a modern dwelling built by the late Henry G. Hight, who then resided there. The date of John Benson's birth can not be ascertained. His will is dated Amenia, N. Y., March 25, 1801, which corresponds with the date of his death.

Intention of marriage with Elizabeth Hight of Wenden, Mass., was registered in that place Nov. 28, 1781.

It is of record that he served in the Dutchess County Militia in the Revolutionary war with his brother Jacob.

He has left many descendants, most of them of his eldest son, Robert, who was twice married, and had 17 children.

### III.

#### FIVE CHILDREN.

- 1. Robert Benson.
- 2. Hannah Benson.
- 3. Ruth Benson.
- 4. Jacob Benson.
- 5. Abigail Benson.

In his will John Benson bequeaths 20 pounds to a grand-daughter, Patty Marke. It would thus appear that he had another daughter in addition to those of record.



### III.

#### ROBERT BENSON.

Robert Benson, son of John Benson, 1st. and Hannah Darling,

b. April 20, 1778.

d. Dec. 23, 1851.

Married 1st, Charlotte Ward, about 1797.

She was born Dec. 18, 1777.

d. July 25, 1823.

Married 2nd, Mary Jane Tanner, Oct. 29, 1825.

She was born April 26, 1800.

d. Sept. 6, 1857, aged 57 years.

She is buried at Genesee Junction, Wisconsin.

Robert Benson resided at Singpakk, in Amelia. He and his first wife are buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

### IV.

#### EIGHT CHILDREN (by first wife).

1. Mary Benson.
2. Hannah Benson.
3. John F. Benson.
4. Marjorie Benson.
5. Lavina Benson.
6. Schuyler W. Benson.
7. Sally Ann Benson.
8. Sherman Benson.

### IV.

#### MARY BENSON.

Mary Benson Darling, daughter of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward.

b. Oct. 22, 1798.

Married Abner Darling, ——.

d. April 14, 1879.

He was born Feb. 12, 1796.

d. Sept. 12, 1875.

They lived in Iowa, and are buried at Teeds, Clinton County, in that State.



IV.

HANNAH BENSON.

Hannah Benson Ryan, daughter of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward.

b. July 2, 1801.

Married James Ryan ——.

d. April 29, 1859.

He was born ——, 1792.

d. July 6, 1875.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

JOHN F. BENSON.

John F. Benson, son of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward.

b. April 21, 1804.

Married Lucy Lee.

d. July 9, 1843.

V.

SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Elmer Benson.

2. Jane Ann Benson.

3. Sarah Benson (married George Davis).

4. Lyman Benson.

5. Robert Benson.

6. Amelia Benson.

7. Amanda Benson.

Of these we have very meagre records.

Jane Ann Benson married Robert H. Benson, July 4, 1848.

She died about 1860, and was buried in Clinton, Iowa. Robert Benson, a son of John F. died at Hebron, Ill., about 1912. He had three children, Mrs. Ardie Lide, Hebron, Ill., Mrs. Gray, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Mrs. Gilbert.



V.

LYMAN BENSON.

Lyman Benson, son of John T. Benson and Lucy Lee.  
b. ---, d. ---.

Married Lucy Lee.

She was born May 20, 1835.

d. Feb. 15, 1913.

They resided at Ottowa, Iowa.

VI.

FERN CHILDS, INC.

1. John Benson (married Gay Snell).
2. Luella Benson.
3. Harriet Benson.
4. Elmer Benson.

IV.

MARJORIE BENSON.

Marjorie Benson, daughter of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward.

b. April 22, 1893.

Married---Wheeler,---.

d.---.

They resided in Pennsylvania.



#### IV.

##### LAVINA BENSON.

Lavina Benson Woolsey, daughter of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward,

b. Nov. 17, 1807.

Married—Woolsey—.

d. Aug. 25, 1883.

#### IV.

##### SCHUYLER WARD BENSON.

Schuyler W. Benson, son of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward.

b. Nov. 8, 1810.

Married 1st, Genette Hillard, Dec. 5, 1831, of Amenia Union, N. Y.

She was born, Sept. 17, 1811.

d. Aug. 29, 1877.

Buried at Genoa Junction, Wisconsin.

Married 2nd, Fannie McKey.

b. at Kent, Litchfield County, Conn., Aug. 21, 1828.

He died Dec. 29, 1854.

Buried at Genoa Junction, Wisconsin.

She was living in 1915 at Green Bay, Wis. He was a merchant.

#### V.

##### THREE CHILDREN (by first wife).

1. Charlotte Abiah Benson.

2. Eliza Jane Benson.

3. William Sanford Benson.

#### V.

##### CHARLOTTE ABIAH BENSON.

Charlotte A. Benson McCally, daughter of Schuyler W. Benson and Genette Hillard.

b. Dec. 17, 1832.

Married George W. McCally, Dec. 17, 1854.

d.—.

She is buried at Kansas City, Missouri.



V.

ELIZA JAS. BENSON.

Eliza J. Benson, Moline, daughter of Schuyler W. Benson and Gerette Hillard.

b. June 3d, 1831.

Married D. B. Moline, June 6, 1852.

d. Nov. 28, 1876.

Buried at Genoa Junction, Wisconsin.

V.

WILLIAM SANFORD BENSON.

William S. Benson, son of Schuyler W. Benson and Gerette Hillard.

b. at Sharon, Conn., June 6, 1834.

Married Ellen Maria Dickinson, Nov. 24, 1859.

d. July 11, 1896.

She was born at Boston, Mass., July 13, 1841.

She died March 7, 1906.

They are buried at Genoa Junction, Wis.

He was a farmer, and afterwards a merchant.

VI.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. L. Jeannette Benson.

2. Charles Ward Benson.

VI.

L. JEANNETTE BENSON.

L. Jeannette Benson, daughter of William S. Benson, and Ellen M. Dickinson.

b. Nov. 2, 1867.

Unmarried.

Resides in Chicago, Ill.

Occupation,--- with Laird & Lee, publishers of Chicago.



VI.

CHARLES WARD BENSON.

Charles W. Benson, son of William S. Benson and Helen M. Dickinson.

b. March 29, 1870.

Married Gertrude Dodge, Dec. 5, 1895.

She was born at Franklin, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1869.

They reside at Bridgeport, Conn.

He is a machinist.

VII.

One Child.

1. Helen Margaret Benson.

b. at Pittsfield, Mass., Nov. 6, 1897.

IV.

SALLY ANN BENSON.

Sally A. Benson Tanner, daughter of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward.

b. Feb. 9, 1813.

Married Henry Tanner,---.

They lived somewhere in the West.



IV.

SHERMAN BENSON.

Sherman Benson, son of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward,  
b. Dec. 18, 1814.  
Married Jane Shaw, of Columbia County, N. Y., Oct. 18, 1835.  
d. about 1860.  
She was born, ——.  
d. July 21, 1898 at Loveland, Colorado.

V.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Aaron Shaw Benson.
2. Shadrack S. Benson.
3. Schuyler F. Benson.

V.

AARON SHAW BENSON.

Aaron Shaw Benson, son of Sherman Benson and Jane Shaw  
b. June 11, 1837, d. Marion, Co. n.  
Married 1st, Eliza C. Brown, of London, England, Feb. 2, 1857.  
She was born Feb. 1, 1835.  
d. Dec. 21, 1892.  
Married 2nd, Marion Vandenburg, of Broome County, N. Y.,  
May 2, 1894.  
She was born Nov. 26, 1844.  
He was for 27 years president of a bank at Loveland, Colo.

VI.

THREE CHILDREN (by first wife).

1. Perry C. Benson.
2. Mary J. Benson.
3. Charles S. Benson.



V.

PERRY C. BENSON.

Perry C. Benson, son of Aaron S. Benson and Emma Cleghorn.  
b. April 28, 1858.

Married Emma Redman, of Jones Co., Iowa.

VII.

FOUR CHILDREN.

1. William A. Benson.
2. Robert C. Benson.
3. Marion E. Benson.
4. Forrest P. Benson.

VIII.

WILLIAM A. BENSON.

William A. Benson, son of Perry C. Benson and Emma Redman.  
b.----.

Married Nora Grobe.

VIII.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Eugene Benson.
2. Agnes Benson.

VIII.

ROBERT C. BENSON.

Robert C. Benson, son of Perry C. Benson and Emma Redman.  
b.----.

Married May King, of Loveland, Colorado.

VIII.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Ralph Benson.
2. Pearl Benson.

VII.

MARION E. BENSON.

Marion E. Benson, daughter of Perry C. Benson and Emma Redman.  
b.----.

Married Clarence King, of Loveland, Colorado.



VII.

FORREST P. BENSON.

Forrest P. Benson, son of Perry C. Benson and Emma Redman.  
b.----,

Married Josephine Becker, of Loveland, Colorado.

VI.

MARY J. BENSON.

Mary J. Benson, daughter of Aaron S. Benson and Eliza Cleghorn.  
b. Jan. 18, 1850.

Married James A. Lewis, at Golden, Colorado, Sept. 4, 1878.

VI.

CHARLES SHAW BENSON.

Charles Shaw Benson, son of Aaron S. Benson and Eliza Cleghorn.

b. Feb. 28, 1862.

Married Nellie Herndon, of Joaquin Co., Iowa.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Lawrence Benson.

VI.

FOUR CHILDREN by second wife of Aaron S. Benson<sup>1</sup>.

1. Clarence V. Benson.
2. Velma V. Benson.
3. Frane V. Benson.
4. Aaron V. Benson.

VI.

CLARENCE V. BENSON.

Clarence V. Benson, son of Aaron S. Benson and Marion Vandenburg.

b. Sept. 27, 1868.

Married Lucy Bell, at Fort Collins, Colorado, Nov. 29, 1893.  
He is County Judge of Larimer County, Colo.



VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Laneta Benson.

VI.

VELMA V. BENSON.

Velma V. Benson, daughter of Aaron S. Benson and Marion Vanderburg.

b. July 26, 1871.

Married Alfred Becker, of Loveland, Colo., Dec. 30, 1891.

VI.

FRANC V. BENSON.

Franc V. Benson, daughter of Aaron S. Benson and Marion Vanderburg.

b. Dec. 28, 1876.

Married James Irvin Lanham, of Loveland, Colo., Dec. 25, 1901.

VI.

AARON V. BENSON.

Aaron V. Benson, son of Aaron S. Benson and Marion Vanderburg.  
b. Dec. 25, 1878.

Married Nellie E. Rezelle, Aug. 30, 1905, at Loveland, Colo.

He is cashier of a bank at Loveland, Colo.

VII.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Ada Marion Benson.

2. Lucille G. Benson.

V.

SHADRACH S. BENSON.

Shadrach S. Benson, son of Sherman Benson and Jane Snow.  
b. April 20, 1841, at Union Vale, N. Y.

He enlisted in the Union Army in the Civil War in 1861, and died in September, 1861.



V.

SCHUYLER R. F. BENSON.

Schuyler F. Benson, son of Sherman Benson and Jane Shaw.  
b. Sept. 27, 1846, in Peterboro, Oswego Co., N.Y.  
Married Clara Roset, of Fairport, N.Y., Nov. 24, 1864.

VI.

Two Children.

1. Grant Benson, married and has two children.
2. Marker Benson (married) and has two children.  
Residence not known.

IV.

NINE CHILDREN (by second wife of Robert Benson).

1. Charlotte J. Benson.
2. Robert H. Benson.
3. Jacob Newton Benson.
4. Frances Eliza Benson.
5. Catherine T. Benson.
6. Sarah Benson.
7. Bryant Steven Benson.
8. Martin Van Buren Benson.
9. Myra A. Benson.

IV.

CHARLOTTE J. BENSON.

Charlotte Benson Darling, daughter of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.

b. Aug. 23, 1824.  
Married William R. Darling, Aug. 1, 1852.  
d. Oct. 6, 1855, and was buried at Genoa Junction, Wis.  
He d.----, 1891, and was buried at Teeds, Iowa.



IV.

ROBERT HENRY BENSON.

Robert H. Benson, son of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.  
b. July 16, 1836.

Married Jane Ann Benson, July 4, 1858.  
d. in 1856.

She died in 1857.

Resided at Clinton, Iowa.

Occupation, Superintendent of Repair Shops of the C. & N. W.  
R. R. Company.

V.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Robert Benson (died in infancy), March 21, 1859.

2. Kate Benson.

VI.

KATE BENSON.

Kate Benson Snell, daughter of Robert H. Benson and Jane Ann  
Benson, Benson.

b.----.

Married George Snell,----.

d.----.

IV.

JACOB NEWTON BENSON.

Jacob N. Benson, son of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.  
b. Sept. 8, 1828.

Married Charlotte Louisa Hall, Oct. 9, 1853.  
d. April 24, 1902.

She was born March 5, 1831.

He resided at Sharon, Conn.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

Occupation, commission merchant.

V.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Walter N. Benson.

2. Miles H. Benson.



V.

WALTER N. BENSON.

Walter N. Benson, son of Jacob N. Benson and Charlotte L. Hall.  
b. Oct. 18, 1858.

d. June 8, 1909.

Married 1st, Sarah Palmieri, ---, 1874.

Married 2nd, Harriet C. Lockwood, of Sharon, Conn., Feb. 16,  
1881

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

ONE CHILD by second marriage.

1. Lewis Jacob Benson.

Lewis Jacob Benson, son of Walter N. Benson and Harriet C. Lockwood.

b. Sept. 15, 1883.

Married Clara H. Limb, of Seymour, Conn.---.

She was born April 9, 1865.

They reside at Seymour, Conn.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Florence H. Benson, b. March 23, 1911.

V.

MILES H. BENSON.

Miles H. Benson, son of Jacob N. Benson and Charlotte L. Hall.  
b. Aug. 22, 1867. Unmarried.

Resides at Sharon, Conn.

Occupation, electrician.



IV.

FRANCES EMMA BENSON.

James L. Benson Andrews, daughter of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.

b. June 6, 1831.

Married William H. Andrews, Feb. 12, 1851.

d. March 17, 1910.

He was born Sept. 13, 1827.

d. March 21, 1904.

They resided at Great Barrington, Mass.

Buried at Hillsdale, Columbia County, N. Y.

IV.

CATHERINE T. BENSON.

Catherine T. Benson, daughter of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.

b. July 21, 1833.

d. Jan. 8, 1855 (widowed).

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

SARAH J. BENSON.

Sarah Benson Robinson, daughter of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.

b. Nov. 8, 1833.

Married Martin Robinson, Nov. 28, 1854.

d. April 11, 1911.

He was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., June 15, 1823.

d. June 21, 1884. Buried at Richmond, Ill.

IV.

BRYANT STEVEN BENSON.

Bryant Steven Benson, son of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.

b. April 21, 1838. <sup>Age 50 in 1889</sup>.

Married 1st, Emma L. Avery, ——.

She was born ——.

d. April 7, 1878.

Married 2nd, Mary Adelaide Shuey, Mar. 23, 1880.

She was born May 8, 1863.

He is a farmer and resides at Genoa Junction, Walworth County, Wisc.



V.

The Children by first wife,

1. Florence Myra Benson.
2. George Tanner Benson.

V.

FLORENCE MYRA BENSON.

Florence Myra Benson Conklin, daughter of Bryant S. Benson and Emma L. Avery,  
b. Oct. 14, 1857.  
Married Elmer Conklin, ——, 1885.  
d. Aug. 13, 1886.

V.

GEORGE TANNER BENSON.

George T. Benson, son of Bryant S. Benson and Emma L. Avery,  
b. Oct. 9, 1871.  
Married Nina K. Story, Oct. 22, 1893.  
*No issue.*

V.

Two Children, by second wife of Bryant S. Benson.

1. Bryant Shuey Benson.
2. Nina Lucia Benson.

b. Aug. 7, 1888 (unmarried).

V.

BRYANT SHUEY BENSON.

Bryant Shuey Benson, son of Bryant S. Benson and Mary Adelaide Shuey,  
b. April 7, 1882.

Married Mary E. Beeson, June 27, 1907.

They reside at Bristel, Wisconsin.

VI.

Two Children.

1. Bryant Bacon Benson, b. Oct. 7, 1909.
2. William George Benson, b. Oct. 11, 1912.



#### IV.

##### MARTIN VAN BUREN BENSON.

Martin V. B. Benson, son of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner,  
b. Oct. 2, 1840.

Married Anna Sophia Chappell, Sept. 25, 1867.

She was born March 1, 1845, at Pueblo, Colo.

They resided at Denver, Colorado.

Occupation, State Agent and Adjuster for the Insurance Co. of North America.

#### V.

##### FOUR CHILDREN.

1. Helen Benson, b. June 1868 at Green Bay, Wis., d. 1871.
2. Mary Eva Benson, b. Oct. 3, 1873, at Green Bay, Wis.
3. Paul B. Benson, b. May 17, 1874, at Denver, Colo., d. April 1, 1913.
4. D. Elbert Chappell Benson, b. Dec. 1, 1885, at Pueblo, Colo.

#### IV.

##### MYRA A. BENSON

Myra A. Benson Mead, daughter of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.

b. Nov. 6, 1844.

Married L. N. Mead, ---.

d. Dec. 6, 1903.

Resided at Janesville, Wisconsin.



### III.

#### JACOB BENSON.

Jacob Benson, son of John Benson, 1st, and Hannah Darling,  
b. June 2, 1786.

Married Polly Hopkins, of Warren, Conn., in 1807.

She was born July 30, 1789.

d. March 30, 1854.

He resided in the town of Averill, N. Y., part of his farm being  
in Dover, and part in Averill. His house was burned in March or  
April, 1864, and he died soon afterwards.

The farm is now owned by Wright P. Tabor. Buried at Dover  
Plains, N. Y.

### IV.

#### ONE CHILD.

1. Miles Hopkins Benson.

Miles H. Benson, son of Jacob Benson and Polly Hopkins,

b. July 17, 1808.

d. March 29, 1857, unmarried.

Miles Benson seems to have been a sort of "Barn Brummet,"  
as his contemporaries speak of him as a leader in the social life of the  
community, and of his popularity, among the young people. He  
resided with his parents in the town of Averill. Buried at Dover  
Plains, N. Y.

### III.

#### HANNAH BENSON.

Hannah Benson Hufcut, daughter of John Benson, 1st, and  
Hannah Darling.

b. Aug. 16, 1780.

Married George Hufcut,-----.

d. May 3, 1848.

She was the mother of "Squire" Hufcut, and grandmother of  
Horace D. and Henry J. Hufcut, of Dover Plains, N. Y. Buried at  
Dover Plains, N. Y.



III.

RUTH BENSON.

Ruth Benson Dutcher, daughter of John Benson, 1st, and Hannah Darling, and twin sister of Hannah Benson Hufent.

b. Aug. 16, 1786.

Married Cornelius Dutcher.

d. Nov. 21, 1852, buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

Some of her grandchildren are John Dutcher, Miss Amelia Dutcher, Mrs. Ruth A. Proper, Mrs. John D. Cameron, Mrs. W. J. White, Milton K. Rodgers, Mrs. Augusta R. N. Kentell, Mrs. Mary B. Tompkins, Mrs. Theresa Bremmeline and Elias Dutcher.

III.

ABIGAIL BENSON.

Abigail Benson Soule, daughter of John Benson, 1st, and Hannah Darling.

b. Dec. 24, 1788.

Married Henry Soule, ----, 1804.

d. Dec. 24, 1869.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

In 1915 her daughter, Mrs. Maria Dutcher, of Sharon, Conn., was living, at the age of 92 years.





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### III.

#### JOHN BENSON, 2nd.

John Benson, 2nd, son of Samuel Benson, 1st, and Rachel Darling, was born in America, N. Y., in 1784. When about 23 years of age he went to the town of "Bittersweet," Otsego County, where he died March 17, 1841. He married Polly Bush, who was born in 1795 and died April 29, 1881. They were buried at Graftonville, N. Y.

### IV.

#### EIGHT CHILDREN.

1. Berthana Benson, b. May 27, 1826
2. John Benson, Jr., b. Feb. ----, d. Sept. 20, 1830.
3. Polly Jane Benson, b. July 1, 1821
4. Richard Delury Benson, b. June 25, 1823
5. Rachel Benson, b. April 3, 1824
6. Maria Henrietta Benson, b. July 25, 1826
7. Sarah Jeannette Benson, b. July 30, 1827
8. Annette Polly Benson, b. Sept. 27, 1830, d. June 22, 1858.

All these are deceased except Sarah J., who married Tom Mulkins, and resides at Laurens, Otsego County, N. Y.

### III.

#### PHILADELPHIA BENSON.

Philadelphia, or "Philia", Benson Cooper, daughter of Samuel Benson, 1st, and Rachel Darling,

b. April ----, 1792, in America, N. Y.

Married Preserved Cooper of America, N. Y. Her declining years were spent with her daughter, Mrs. Marshall Odell, at Peoria, Ill., where she died Sept. 6, 1876.

### III.

#### POLLY BENSON.

Polly Benson Wheeler, daughter of Samuel Benson, 1st, and Rachel Darling,

b. ~~1795~~ 1796 in America, N. Y., d. Aug. 19, 1881, in America.

Married Preserved Cooper of America, N. Y., d. Sept. 17, 1876.

Went to the "Highlands" Otsego County, N. Y., in 1851.

d. Aug. 19, 1881.

Moved to Graftonville, Otsego County, N. Y., in 1881.



III.

ABIGAIL BENSON.

Abigail Benson Bard, daughter of Samuel Benson, 1st, and  
Rebel Darling.

b. August 1799, in Altonia, N. Y.

Married Price Bard Garrett. He was born in 1804, d. April 1, 1888.  
She d. Dec. 12, 1889. Buried at Garrettsville, N. Y.



## SOME BENSONS WHOSE LINEAGE CANNOT BE TRACED.

### AMBROSE BENSON.

The name of Ambrose Benson appears in the Census of 1790 as a resident of Pawlingtown. The town of Dover, formerly a part of Pawlingtown, was not organized until Feb. 27, 1857. Ambrose Benson was strongly related to the early members of his family then living here. His will is dated Oct. 20, 1791. He mentions his wife, Patience Benson, daughter, Mary Middot, and grandson, Joseph Clear, Ambrose Benson Simpson, and Henry Lydia Middot.

In the cemetery at Dover Plains there is a stone bearing the inscription, "John Benson, b. 1707, d. March 31, 1805."

Also another stone adjoining that of John Benson's inscribed, "Benjamin Benson, b. 1780, d. Jan. 24, 1885."

### IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Records of those who served in the Revolutionary war are meager and incomplete in respect to details of enlistment and discharge.

The author of the "Early History of Amenia" says, "There were undoubtedly a large number of privates who went into the service from Amenia whose names cannot be given, as there are no records within reach of the compiler, and he is obliged to draw only from tradition, and the very meager records of family history."

The following authentic statement refers to Samuel Benson, of Amenia, N. Y., one of the sons of Jacob Benson, the pioneer.

"The name of Samuel Benson appears as a private in the list of Dutchess County Militia (Land Bounty Rights), Sixth Regiment, to be found in 'New York in The Revolution,' by James A. Roberts, Albany, 1898. Page 247."

J. A. HOLDEN,

Albany, N. Y.

State Librarian.

In addition to the above, John Benson of Amenia, N. Y., was also in the Sixth Dutchess County Militia, and William Benson was in the Third Militia.

John Benson of Amenia, N. Y., was in the "Levies," (Continental Army).



It must be remembered that there were very few Huguenots here at this period. When the war broke out, but little more than thirty years had elapsed since the coming of Jacob and his sons, of whom three have been recorded as patriots.

As an historical incident which will no doubt be interesting to members of our family we insert here the "Revolutionary Pledge."

### THE REVOLUTIONARY PLEDGE.

On April 20, 1775, a few days after the battle of Lexington, an Association was formed in New York County, and a "Pledge" adopted, the purpose of which was, as stated by Heschawek, in his History of Dutchess County, 1890: "to bring the people up to the point of associated effort, and had no direct reference to an appeal to arms and separation from the English government."

The "Pledge" reads:

"Persuaded that the salvation of the rights and liberties of America depend, under God, on the firm union of its inhabitants in a vigorous prosecution of the measures necessary for its safety, and convinced of the necessity of preventing anarchy and confusion which attend a dissolution of the powers of government. We, the Free-men, Free-holders, and Inhabitants of Dutchess being greatly alarmed at the avowed design of the Ministry to raise a revenue in America, and shocked by the bloody scene now acting in Massachusetts Bay, do, in the most solemn manner resolve never to become slaves, and do associate under all the ties of religion, honor, and love to our country, to adopt and endeavor to carry into execution whatsoever measures may be recommended by the Continental Congress, or resolved upon by our Provincial Convention, for the purpose of preserving our Constitution and of opposing the several arbitrary acts of the British Parliament, until a reconciliation between Great Britain and America, on constitutional principles (which we most ardently desire) can be obtained, and that we will in all things follow the advice of our General Committee respecting the purposes aforesaid, the preservation of peace and good order and the safety of individuals and property."

Mr. Rees says in his "Early History of Amenia", that there were 435 signers to this "Pledge" in Amenia, and only six refused or delayed to sign. In the list he gives, the names of Joseph and John Benson appear as signers.



EXTRACTS FROM "THE EARLY HISTORY OF AMENIA,"  
1875, BY NEWTON KELD.

AMENIA "PARCINCT."

The "Parcinct" of Amenia was formed by an act of the Colonial Legislature, March 29, 1782, "to a square mile or so in the south also of the "Town" of Amenia, called Amenia March 29, 1788, and continued the same till May 29, 1824, when the towns of Amenia and Norbeek were incorporated as touching the boundary between them as it is at present."

The name "Parcinct" was first used about the time of the organization of the Pequot, and owes its origin to Dr. Thomas Young, a learned gentleman who resided a good year or two in America. Virginia.

Hon. Gilbert Beaman, in a Memoir read before the N. Y. Historical Society, in 1856, N. Y. Hist. Collection, Vol. II, in 1870, says "Vermont—Green—Massachusetts—and the town of Amenia—Amenia—owe their names to the Doctor of Young, the poet, living in the Americas and not the English Young. He had a reciting facility in making English words from Latin ones."

ASPECT OF THE COUNTRY.

"There was not an unbroken forest here when the first settlers came; as the fires of the Indians, in their periods of warfare, destroyed the timber on the dry land, except a few large specimens of red white wood, and birch trees, some of which attained great size.

On the plains there were scattered stumps, which had sprung up after the fires, and by the creeks and in the valleys, there were here buttonwood and black ash trees, and all the scrubbs were overhung with a mass of alders and willows, &c., &c., &c. The mountains, being burned over by the Indians, were so bare, that the wild deer were plainly seen from the valleys below.

At this early period there were a few scattered remnants of the Pequot Indians, who had their hunting grounds up and down the valleys.

There were a few Indian wigwams near the outlet of Swift's Pond."



"While Richard Sackett, the pioneer settler of Auriesville, arrived in 1711, there was not another white family in the County earlier than 1730; so, since the whole population of Dutchess County then, including Poughkeepsie, was only about 500. From 1740 to 1750 the immigration from New England was evidently heavy. The price of land then was one dollar and a half per acre. In 1770 it was about two dollars and a half per acre. The population of Auriesville in 1790 was 3,078.

The price of wheat in 1770 was five shillings a bushel, and that was the price of a day's work in a荔枝ing. Butter was ten cents per pound. The wages of a maid girl at housework or spinning was five shillings a week. They were not servants as we class them, but were many of them equal in social position to their employers.

"Joseph Benson was an early resident of the south part of the town where the family have remained in considerable numbers."

#### IN THE FIRST UNITED STATES CENSUS, 1790, EASTERN DUTCHES COUNTY, NEW YORK.

First Column indicates free males over 16 years of age.

Second Column, those under 16 years.

Third Column, females.

Ambrose Benson, Pawlingtown.....	2--2--2
Jacob Benson, 1st, Pawlingtown.....	3--2--3
Jacob Benson, Jr., Pawlingtown.....	1--1--2
John Benson, Jr., Pawlingtown.....	1--1--3
Joseph Benson, Pawlingtown.....	2--1--2
John Benson, Auriesville.....	3--2--3
Samuel Benson, Auriesville.....	1--3--2
Elisha Benson, Clinton.....	1--2--2

The Dutch family of Bensons in the Western part of Dutchess County numbered 13 heads of families in the State, of whom 10 had slaves—32 in all.

Judge Elbert Benson of Red Hook owned one slave.



## BENSON FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1914, there was organized at the home of Mrs. Carmel G. Benson, in Pleasant Valley, Frank P. Benson, President, Phelps, N.Y., Association of the Descendants of the H. C. Benson Family.

The following day, field trips were made, and it was decided to meet in the home of some member or friend appointed day in each successive year.

There were about 25 members of the family present on this occasion, besides myself, including Mrs. Adeline R. (Fay) Winston, mother of the President; Clark L. and his wife, and of the Pastoral; Fred M. Irish, Mrs. William Sherrill of Topeka, Kansas, Mr. Horatio S. Benson of Flushing, N.Y., and others.

Dinner was served on the lawn at noon, after which short addresses were made by Rev. Hugh Weston, Mrs. Adeline Winston of Pleasant Valley, Mrs. Harriet M. Dutcher, Mrs. John Dutcher, Mrs. Horatio S. Benson, Henry J. Rufout and Arthur T. Benson.

Officers of the Association elected for the first year were:

President—Arthur T. Benson.

Vice-President—Mrs. Carmel G. Benson.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Horatio S. Benson.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Clarence G. Benson, Elmer Dutcher, Mrs.

\* Emanuel C. Benson, Fred M. Irish.

Mrs. George V. Benson.

Mascot—Ethel Blanche Benson.

The following named were registered:

Mrs. Carmel G. Benson, Mrs. Caroline Benson, Mrs. Frances J. Benson, Darius S. Benson, Mrs. Harriet M. Dutcher, Mrs. Adaline Benson, Platt J. Benson, Clark H. Benson, George V. Benson, Arthur T. Benson, Fred M. Irish, Walter H. Benson, Mrs. Katherine A. Dutcher, Hettie M. Benson, Mortimer L. Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Benson, Bernice Benson, Lucia Benson, Harold Benson, Kramer Benson, Darius S. Benson, 2nd, Myron E. Benson, Mrs. Emanuel C. Benson, Lawrence E. Benson, James A. Benson, Mrs. James A. Benson, Mortimer Benson,



Adaline E. Fox, Martha Benson, Harvey Ryan, Dr. Luther J. Benson, Mrs. L. J. Benson, Joseph Ryan, Harry S. Dutcher, Ethel Dutcher Cutler, Francis N. Cutler, Elmer W. Dutcher, William S. Benson, John Dutcher, Clarence O. Benson, Jessie G. Benson, Rachel T. Benson, Mabel C. Dutcher, Anna M. Benson, Flora D. Benson, Prof. and Mrs. Bayard Matthews, Mildred Benson, Frances M. Benson, Helen Irish, Mrs. Walter H. Benson, Laura M. Bird, Marian J. Benson, Walter V. Benson, Mrs. William Sharpe, Mrs. Arthur T. Benson, Mrs. George V. Benson, Mrs. John V. Cutler, John C. Benson, Ida M. Rimpli, Mrs. George B. Cutler, Mrs. Elmer W. Dutcher, Mrs. Frank D. Benson, Mrs. Mary B. Tompkins, Mrs. Judith A. R. N. Kenwill, James Kenwill, Evelina B. Irish, Clark H. Benson, Jr., Edward Ryan, Katherine Benson, Fannie A. Benson, Emma F. Benson, Ethel Blanche Benson, Rev. Hugh Winton, Mrs. Hugh Winton, Hugh Winton, Jr., Ralph L. Benson.

### THE OLD PINE TREE.

When Joshua Benson, son of Samuel, 1st, and grandson of Jacob, the pioneer, was a lad of fourteen he transplanted a pine sapling in the door yard of his home. This was about 1800.

The tree was standing in 1915 but showing advanced signs of decay. It was the largest of its kind in the vicinity; was recognized as a land-mark, and was revered for the associations of a century and more, not alone by the immediate family of the one who planted it, but by the entire neighborhood, as well.

One of Joshua's sons who succeeded him on the old homestead, was in later years inspired by the muse to write the following verses in review of the passing scenes and incidents in his domestic life of so many and fruitful years:

### THE OLD PINE TREE.

By J. VAN NESS BENSON.

In yonder grove, 'neath forest trees,  
I have laid to rest peers long since  
Deep in a grot, without a breeze.  
There sprang a young and tender Pine.



Young Joshua, then just in his teens,  
Riving the giant oaks among,  
By chance espied this evergreen—  
The burden of my theme and song.

With careful hand and patient toil,  
Uprooted from its native leam,  
Transplanted in more genial soil  
Close by the old, ancestral home,

The sapling grew as years passed on,  
And cast a broad and cooling shade,  
Where Pell and Sam, and Josh and John,  
And Abigail and Polly played.

Aunt Rachel there with matron's pride,  
Enrobed in petticoat and gown,  
With Uncle Samuel by her side,  
Was pleased to see the mirth go round.

The love of sports in youth displayed,  
Precedes more sober scenes of life,  
Young Joshua wooed a Yankee maid,  
And brought her home, his happy wife.

No sentimental bridal tour  
For this young rustic bride and groom,  
The dearest spot—his Pine-tree bower,  
For them to pass their honeymoon.

To labor then, through woe or weal,  
He fed his stocks and tilled the soil,  
Her hands prepared their frugal meal,  
Her spinning wheel the hours beguiled.

Succeeding years their cares increased  
And fourteen children blessed their home,  
In home-spun garments neatly dressed,  
Their joy, their hope, in times to come.



Whom bowed beneath the weight of years,  
Still lingering on the verge of time.  
They oft were seen in old arm-chairs  
Upon the green, beneath the Pine.

For them, no more it casts its shade,  
For them, no more returns the Spring,  
Each to their rest forever laid,  
Its swaying boughs their requiems sing.

May yet, for many years to come,  
Thy boughs still wave, old tree standing,  
Firm rooted here, in this old home,  
A land-mark on the shores of time.

Through Winter's cold and Summer's heat,  
They hand in hand, serene and pale,  
Trod duty's paths with willing feet,  
Along through life's sequestered vale.

#### POST-OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES NAMED BENSON.

- Benson, Alabama.
- Benson, Arizona.
- Benson, Kentucky.
- Benson, Louisiana.
- Benson, Maryland.
- Benson, Minnesota.
- Benson, Nebraska.
- Benson, New Mexico.
- Benson, New York.
- Benson, North Carolina.
- Benson, Vermont.
- Benson Center, New York.
- Benson Mines, New York.
- Benson Landing, Vermont.



## INCIDENT AND ANECDOTE.

Away back in early times after the white settlers became established in the O'long Valley, roving bands of Indians would appear at times, set up their wigwams, hunt and fish, and perhaps, trade a little with the inhabitants. They are said to have belonged to the Pequod tribe in New England.

There is a tradition that no less than six of them returned no more to the land of their fathers, having had a "little difference" with the settlers in Amenia, one of their exceptions, which culminated in their slaying. It is said that all six were buried in one grave at the foot of "Cedar Hill," on the west side, and at a point nearly opposite the residence of Frank Jenkins.

But it must not be inferred from this incident that there was ever much trouble in the Nine Partners district between the settlers and the Indians. There was not. While block houses and other means of defense were common as near by as Litchfield, Conn., amicable relations were the rule here, owing in great part it is said, to the influence of Mr. Wincent, one of the American pioneers.

It is related that an Indian one winter lived in a wigwam near the "Fuller" spring (on the farm of the late William F. Benson), and took care of some cattle that "Uncle" David Benson had in winter quarters there. That must have been more than 100 years ago.

The writer remembers having seen a camp of squaws from the Schaghticoke reservation south of Kent, Conn., near the highway by the "Roaring Brook,"—so called because at times of high water its descent along the precipitous slopes of the East Mountain, makes an uproar akin to Niagara.

Those squaws used to weave baskets both plain and fancy, designed for hard usage about the farm, as well as for the more careful handling accorded the housewives' receptacles of sundry articles of utility.

They accepted in payment such commodities as salt, pork, flour, and wearing apparel. Some of their baskets were dyed in attractive patterns of bright colors—which have never faded. Some of them are in use at the present day.

In addition to this accomplishment in basket making, some of the squaws were wise in medical lore. They knew the virtues of



roots and herbs, and were not slow in ways and means of first aid to those afflicted by insect or injury. Their knowledge and treatment was in frequent demand in these times, and some of their remedies are now in use.

### "UNCLE" DAVID BENSON AND THE INDIANS.

"Uncle" David Benson (1759-1857), lived on the farm in the southern part of Ameala, N. Y., now in the possession of Thomas S. Benson. For some years this farm was occupied by George W. Chapman. One hundred or more years ago a herd of Indians camped on his farm for a while, and members of his family noted the discovery that they had in their possession some copper utensils, which fact inspired a covetous feeling within the Benson breasts.

Accordingly they went into executive session, with "Uncle" David as chief adviser, and it being pork-killing time he suggested to the boys that negotiations for the copper ware be opened by a proposal to exchange a fat pig for the same.

But when the proposition was duly submitted, the Indians, for some reason demurred. They were perhaps mindful of past experiences with the "Yankees," whereby their "goat" had vanished. They seemed suspicious of a scheme to poison them. After some parleying it was stipulated that if the Bensons would skin after the pig, and cook a portion of it, first partaking of the same in their presence, they would close the deal, providing, of course, that no ill effects followed the indulgence in pork-steak.

The result of the test proving entirely satisfactory, the copper utensils were passed over to "Uncle" David's family, afterwards coming into the possession of his daughter, Mary, who married Egbert Watts of Dover Plains, N. Y. Some time after her decease, they were given to Mrs. Sarah A. Beilng of Dover Plains, who in turn presented them to Judge Oleott of New York City.

### "UNCLE" JACOB BENSON AND HIS HIRED MAN.

"Uncle" Jacob Benson (1786-1864), son of John and grandson of Jacob, the pioneer, used to live in the town of Ameala, N. Y., near the Dover line, on the farm now owned by Wright P. Tabor. His house was burned in 1864, and he then went to live with his nephew, "Squire" Hufcutt.



"Uncle" Jacob was a very shrewd thrifty farmer. Dividing his time between laying stone walls and keeping a watchful eye on his hired men, seemed to be his most congenial occupation.

In those times farm help was plentiful. "Labor" had but few innings, and but little opportunity for bargaining to advantage with employers.

But it so happened there was a man who rot the best of "Uncle" Jacob. It happened in haying time. It frequently occurred on his farm that more grass would be cut in the morning than could be cured and drawn to the barn in the afternoon. So, at dark there would be hay left in the meadow, that "Uncle" Jacob was determined should be put under cover. As a result, the men were ordered out after supper to clean up the field. On this particular occasion, one of the men who was driving the oven and cart out for a load, hatched a scheme out of the gathering darkness in the meadow and the evillgent wit in his own "dome." After the load had been pitched on, it had become quite dark, and having singled out a good sized boulder near by, and removed the pin from the axle, he "geed" or "barred" right over the obstruction with the load, turning it over, and losing the wheel in the bargain. Of course, he had a hard luck tale ready for the irate "Uncle" Jacob, but it is needless to say, there was no more "haying" it that night.

#### HOW "BEN" BENSON CLEANED HOUSE.

Benjamin Benson, son of Jacob Benson, 2nd, lived at one time at Schagticook, Conn. There were Indians in the neighborhood who were disposed to make him trouble. It was necessary for him to drive his cattle across a stream to pasture, and these Indians greatly annoyed and bothered him by flaunting blankets and throwing missiles which frightened the cattle so they could not be managed. "Ben" naturally got indignant. He read the riot act to his tormentors, and the situation became acute, culminating one day by a call from "Aunt" Eunice Mahwee, a squaw who had been converted to the Christian faith, and was always afterwards loyal to the white people. She could not speak English very well, but when she told "Ben" to "Urry, urry," he knew what it meant. He did not, however, run away, but converting a stout chair into a weapon of defense, awaited the approach of the band of Indians, and single-handed laid all of them low as they entered his house. This incident probably happened prior to the year 1800.



## ONE ON THE BENSONS.

When John M. Swift a young collector, graduate from Poughkeepsie first moved to his farm on Pecker Hill, in the town of Amenia, N. Y., now owned by Ernest C. Leeson, he was not very well versed in farm economics, and was therefore influenced at times to proceed to his own disadvantage, and to the profit of those more "knowing."

It was on one of those occasions that bright fine being at hand, Mr. Swift sent for Harvey, an emerging art expert butcher, as well as an expert joker, to take charge of the killing, and afterwards to cut up the carcasses in preparation for pickling.

During the process of dissection, Mr. Swift was a most interested spectator. "Harry," daddy removed the livers, and two lard, and neatly split the plump, corn fattened animals in halves along the spinal column.

He then proceeded to remove those juicy steaks that are attached to the loins in the region of the kidneys. "Harvey," inquired Mr. Swift. "What might those portions be?"

"Them," said "Harry," who was by no means destitute either of wit, or a sense of the fitness of things, "them is what they call the tenderloins."

"Are they fit to eat," asked Mr. Swift?

"Well," replied "Harry," with his characteristic drawl, "The Bensons sometimes eat 'em."

To which observation Mr. Swift responded, by saying, generously, "Well, Harvey, you may have those if you care for them."

## AN ANCIENT JACK-KNIFE.

Jacob Benson 2nd (1734-1817) lived on the farm known as the "Cedars," which lies about midway between the residence of Frank Jenkens on the Amenia-Dover line and the homestead of the late William F. Benson.

Jacob Benson's farm descended to his son, David (1779-1857), and to David's son, Joseph (1800-1877), known as "white headed 'Jee'". The latter's son, Edwin (1838-1870), continued there for some years after his father's death, when the late Samuel K. Benson purchased the farm, and it is now in possession of his son Thomas S. Benson.



One day when Edwin was plowing he turned up a quaint old jack-knife that had a very rusty, or a broken, in the soil for a long time. Pieces of bone found in the hole had entirely decayed. It had one large blade of excellent temper, and when the rust was removed was found to be in good condition except as noted. The old knife was identified by Joshua Benson, who being related to his grandfather, Dr. Ob. and, and the incident of his losing it was related. That was more than 100 years ago. The knife is now in possession of the compiler of this volume.

## HENRY D. BENSON AND HIS MISSING GRAIN CRADLE.

Henry D. Benson (1829-1896), having heard his father, Joshua, say that a man formerly in his employ had once cradled ten acres of rye in one day, and he had followed after, raking and binding the grain in the same length of time, determined to show them that he was made of equally as good stuff.

Accordingly, a ten-acre field of oats being ripe for the harvest, Henry shouldered his cradle bright and early in the morning, and "struck" around it. It is recorded of him that he had a fine physique, being six feet tall, suited to the hardest kind of labor, and what was of great advantage in his self-imposed task, he was gifted with a long reach.

His father, who had been keeping a watchful eye on him, had noted his progress during the day, and observed in the latter part of the afternoon that only a small piece remained in the middle of the lot. But there were indications that a "tired feeling" was creeping over Henry, and when, finally, he sought the cooling shade of a convenient tree, one of his brothers was dispatched to the field with instructions to "swipe" the cradle and hide it. But it transpired that he was nearly exhausted, so that he had to be assisted to the house.

In a letter written in 1845 to a brother then in Wisconsin, he refers to the unfinished stunt by saying that he had a recurrence of "lame back," such as laid him out while cradling in the "old field." That day's work seems rather strenuous when compared with what a team of horses or a reaper or binder will do, or with the man who laboriously cuts a swath around the field in preparation for those modern cut-offs—and the average farm helper now is both awkward and shy in cultivating the use of the grain cradle.



The writer can vouch for the above incident as being absolutely true, as he has heard it related not alone by the principal, but from disinterested sources as well.

We chronicle it here as an instance for the rising generation of what their ancestors were capable of accomplishing in those times when farm machinery was unknown and hardened muscles were depended on to do practically all that was done.

## SAMUEL BENSON (1783-1864), AND HIS "BURNED" COAL PIT.

Samuel Benson, generally known as "Uncle" Sam by his contemporaries, lived in the town of Dover where Joseph Ryer now resides. He was a colonial man, and among his fraternal associates were John Tabor, George Schermerhorn and Alfred Wheeler, three well-known residents of the town. They were much addicted to playing practical jokes upon one another, as well as upon other unsuspecting victims outside their immediate circle. Among the stories that have been handed down is this one:

It seems that "Uncle" Sam had a coal pit all ready to "burn," and as his friend Schermerhorn was an expert collier, what more natural than that he should bargain with him to do the job. "Schermerhorn," said he, "if you will burn the pit for me, I will give you a yearling bull."

"It shall be done," agreed Schermerhorn, who lost no time in acquainting his friends Tabor and Wheeler with the proposition, in order that they might be "in at the finish" of the little scheme he had in mind. One night not long thereafter, the torch was applied, and the pit duly burned. Nothing but a pile of ashes remained.

The following morning "Uncle" Sam was advised that the contract had been executed. Directing his gaze towards the site of the pit, he saw,—nothing.

Tabor and Wheeler had in the meantime arrived to jollify a little, but "Uncle" Sam, being a man of honor, and somewhat of a philosopher only said, "Schermerhorn, the bull is yours."



## THE CIRCUS IN SQUIRE TABOR'S STORE.

Once upon a time it happened that "Uncle" Sam Remond "stepped up" with his calf friends to "Uncle" Tabor's store, which had been located near the落處 of Elmer's P. Whalen, Dover Plains, N. Y. On this occasion "Uncle" Sam, who used to make a black mare on his excursions to the village, had taken his mare to visit Uncle Tabor. He was telling his friends how they were bound to respond to the sound of his step over the big metal gate of the house, that was quite the wonder when he waded out on the porch, turned and cleared his throat, when, sure enough, the mare began to neigh.

"I'll do my best," said Schermerhorn, "that she will whinny if I walk out there and attract her attention." "No, sir you won't," replied "Uncle" Sam. "I'll let you," said Schermerhorn. "I'll take you," rejoined "Uncle" Sam. Then Schermerhorn went out on the porch, paced up and down once or twice, at the same time as raising his vocal organs resoundingly, but there was nothing doing. The mare was silent, so Schermerhorn had to "set 'em up." After a few fits of sneezing he proposed to "Uncle" Sam to step up on the porch which stood having been accomplished. The stars had risen over the store and invited away one of the party, who was suddenly bent on getting "Uncle" Sam into trouble. He ran around the store a few times, when his progress was interrupted by an exclamation from "Uncle" Sam, who had thrown a buffalo robe over his head and was shouting, "I might be liable but I can't see!"

## THE MAPLES ON PLYMOUTH HILL.

It is not generally known who planted the rows of beautiful maple trees that have adorned Plymouth Hill so long.

Joseph H. Benson (1815-1891) worked for Isaac DeForest, a farmer on Plymouth Hill in 1826, when a boy 11 years of age. It was he who set out all those trees, and in after years he was heard to say that he could not wish for a better monument. He predicted, when some of them were trimmed 11 years ago, that they would begin to decay, which prediction has been verified. Probably the lower branches encroached upon the roadway, making their removal necessary, but it is understood to be fatal to a maple to prune it severely. Joseph H. Benson was father of Platt J. Benson of Wassaic, N. Y., and grandfather of Frank D. Benson of Dover Plains, N. Y.



## SOME QUAIN'T EPITAPHS.

In Valley View Rural Cemetery at Dover Plains, N. Y., are two tombstones inscribed as follows:

Jacob Benson (1735-1817).

"Stop, my friend, as you pass by,  
As you are now, so once was I,  
As I am now, so you must be.  
Prepare for death, to follow me."

Lydia Benson, his wife (1752-1822).

"Mortals behold, as in a glass,  
And here behold your doom.  
Death is the door through which you pass,  
To your eternal home!"

## NOTES OF THE BENSON NEIGHBORHOOD.

For a great many years the extreme southeastern part of the town of Amenia, N. Y., has been known as the "Benson Neighborhood."

Formerly there was quite a compact settlement there of members of the family, their farms in most instances, adjoining. More recently some of these old homesteads have passed to other names, but the Bensons are yet there in considerable numbers. In the towns of Dover, Amenia, Pawling and Washington, there are now (1915) 74 of them.

The oldest homestead is that formerly owned by Samuel Benson, 1st, son of Jacob, 1st, who lived there about the period of the Revolutionary War. The farm has been in continuous possession of his descendants up to the present time, his great grandson, Arthur T. Benson, now residing there. Other homesteads long in the family are those where Platt J. Benson lives, near Wassale, N. Y., and the place on the State road south of the "Steel Works," where his son, Hadley H. Benson has but recently built a new house to replace the one where his grandfather, the late Joseph H. Benson lived so long, and which was burned several years ago.

The farm of Emanuel C. Benson in Amenia, N. Y., was owned before 1800 by John Benson, and afterwards by Jacob Benson, his son, but it passed out of the family from about 1860 to 1897.



"Aunt" Ruth Benson, widow of the late Samuel K. Benson, has lived in her present home since 1860.

Clark H. Benson's son, (1818-1888), father, the late James V. Benson, on the farm lying over by him, in the town of Dover, N. Y.

Jacob Benson, Jacob's son, Ovid, and his friend, Edwin, lived on the farm adjoining that of the late William F. Benson in the town of Auriesville, N. Y. It is yet in the Benson name, but the buildings have fallen into decay and remain little more now. John J. Benson in early life became on a farm in the town of Washington, N. Y. His sons, Ovid and Joseph, still continue there.

In South Dover, N. Y., Joseph Benson (1772-1812) probably lived on the farm now owned by Mr. Rosenthal, as he mentions in his will a certain parcel of land near the "Great Pond"—meaning Lake Ellis. His son, Daniel L. succeeded him there, and another son, Ellis, owned the farm nearby that later came into the possession of Ebenezer W. Penson.

Subsequent to 1840 there was a large exodus of the young men and women to the then territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, and their descendants form a considerable part of the records in this volume.

## THE BEAVER DAM.

Across a swamp on the farm of Wright P. Tobor, in Auriesville, N. Y., formerly Jacob Benson's, can be plainly seen from the highway the remains of a beaver dam. It extends diagonally, in a southeast and northwest direction, terminating near the foot of the hill. Swift's Pond, at one time covered all the area north of this dam.

## NEGRO BURYING GROUNDS.

On this same farm, in a field near the highway not far west from the former home of "Uncle" Jacob Benson there is or was a plot called the "Negro Cemetery." It is apparent that there were many colored people here in early times. This was one of their burial grounds. Another one is said to be on the old Heflin place on Preston Mountain. There was a slave in the family of Thomas Swift at Sherburne who was called "Cuffy."



## THE MILL ON THE MOUNTAIN.

On the East Mountain near the old "Decker" place there was formerly a dam and mill. As there was quite a settlement up there once, the mill was probably erected as a matter of convenience in grinding their grain, as trips to the valley were laborious. The stream utilized was the "crooking brook."

## WHO THEIR NEIGHBORS WERE.

William Turner, grandfather of Doctor Tanner, lived where William S. Ketchem now resides. William Fry where Wright P. Tabor does. David Johnson in what is now Mr. Tabor's tenant house. Daniel Somers, lived where Joseph Ryan does. Moses Swift on "Poplar Hill," and Thomas Swift, known as "Saxony" Swift beyond, at the foot of the hill. Alexander Grant owned the farm, now Horatio N. Bain's. On the Mountain were Clark Preston, Homer Cook, Allan Kennedy, and other good substantiated citizens like the Patchins, Crtons, Wolcotts, Hufents, and others.

## THE DISTRICT SCHOOLS IN THE BENSON NEIGHBORHOOD.

Probably the first common school to be established in the neighborhood where most of the Benson families lived was the one near the house of Jacob Benson, a grandson of Jacob the pioneer. This was in the town of Amenia, on the Amenia-Dover line, and on the highway leading west from Emanuel C. Benson's.

The school building, which was a small, unpainted one, was located at the southern point of the hill just west of "Uncle" Jacob's. It was unoccupied for many years previous to being torn down—as we think between 1880 and 1885.

It is not known when it was erected, but Miss Polly Hopkins taught there previous to her marriage to Jacob Benson, which was prior to 1808. Afterwards her sister, Miss Lodema Hopkins taught there for a long time. She was succeeded by Abbie Harris. About the period of her incumbency some objection was raised to continuing the school which developed into a neighborhood raid. One night the windows of the school house were smashed, and feeling ran high so that the school was closed in consequence.



Among those who attended there were Elodie Barnes' children, as well as grand children, among the latter being Miss Elodie Stark, Alice Sarah Benson, of Dover, N. Y., one of John Benson's sons, J. Elvira Benson, of Dover Plains, also a girl's name to be added there when a very stealthily. Mrs. Stark, now 81 years of age told the writer that she was three years old when she first attended school there.

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1, DOVER.

It is beyond the ken of anyone now living to give exact information about the date of the formation of school district No. 1, or even the present school building was erected before 1830, but has been remodeled to some extent since that time. There are a few stories now who went to school there in the late forties. They say that the old one school house of that period had apparently two teachers at a time. The teachers, so far as their names can be recalled, here follow as follows: Henry Heeger Wallen, Ezra Howland, Miles Anthony, Angell Brown, Kendall Drury, Elizabeth Ross, Miss S. Parsons, Maud Hall, Mr. Brady, Baldwin Stevens, Alexander Grant, Am. Ba. Clark, Dr. Pepester Hall, Horace D. Ferguson, William Wilbur, John B. Scott, Sarah C. Benson, Mrs. Betsy Patchin, Miss Jerusha Stark, Mrs. Addie E. Lavergne, now Mrs. William Williams, of Wassaic, N. Y., Miss Therese A. Benson, now Mrs. R. B. Ryan, of Wassaic, N. Y., Mr. Ferguson, Stern, but efficient, Miss Jones, Miss Alice Butts, Miss Gregory, Miss Reynolds, Frank Connell, Miss Eliza Gratten, Miss Olivia Gratten, James H. Boyce, S. B. Shaw, Croder, Kiscobrak, Miss Angelina Lee, Miss Fannie Lee, Diana Hall, Arthur E. Rogers, Miss Annie L. Benson, now Mrs. Samuel Hutchinson, of Chatham, N. Y., Miss Jeannette Moran, Miss Jennie Benson, now Mrs. Litchfield, of New York City, Miss Kittie A. Benson, now Mrs. John Dutcher, of Dover Plains, N. Y., Samuel B. Irish, William Tibor, Miss Brown, Mr. Fleming, Miss Julia Hennessey, Milton Preston, Haratio S. Benson, Miss Sarah Thompson, Charles J. Dutcher, Miss Pulver, Miss Sophie E. Rogers, Miss Mary Mahoney, Mr. Fletcher, Miss Laura Bird, Miss Harriet Paulsen, Miss Nettie Tragbridge.

These names are not given in the order of incumbency, for it has not been possible to obtain data of the service of many of them. When Ezra Howland taught there about 70 years ago he punished a boy



named Terrell, and Zilch, Teller's son, so aptly named, led away, barefaced, as a result of the injury received. The next morning, as the incident occurred, some of the younger men of the district went to the school house with the intention of punishing Howland, but he had departed, and the opportunity to administer justice never came.

## RETROSPECTIVE.

We boast no crest nor knightly crown,  
By cruel raven won  
For darksome deeds of much renown,  
In royal service done.

Ours but the common, humble span,  
In field and workshop spent,  
The love of home and fellow-man,  
Of duty and content.

The lonely rock-bound barren shore,  
Where Pilgrim fathers tread,  
Could offer nothing, then, much more,  
Than scant supply of bread.

And freedom, too, of honest thought,  
Was to their souls refused,  
That liberty that they had sought,  
Their leaders, stern, abused.

Chafed by the Puritanic reign,  
That privilege denied,  
Our fathers ventured to obtain  
Rights, in new lands espied.

Thus, Jacob and his comrades true,  
Turned westward, toward the Oblong's vale,  
Eager the trail to find, patricious  
Found homes none could assail.



THE LITTLE BLESSINGS OF HOME.

The sun's bright rays are dimmed in yield  
And as the day wanes, so appear,  
Content has died in field.

The generations come and went,  
And when as now the greater stores,  
Rich blessings, and fuller were sent,  
In children fresh by scores.

Until with passing of the years  
Some early souls have led the way,  
Our number never increases,  
Proclaims we're here to stay.

Thus, spreading wide, the family tree,  
Its branches far and bold  
The generations, many, many,  
These records now have told.

From city, town and distant state,  
Are gathered here relations, all  
With name, and age, and sex and date,  
And stories some recall.

Go little back to homes away,  
With past and present bleeding,  
Point out the branch since Jacob's day,  
From which we are descended.

A. T. B.



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Benson, Hiram	46	Benson, John Franklin	85
son of Hiram	47	son of Lyman	86
Benson, John M.	8	Benson, John D.	79
Benson, John	20	Benson, John F.	84
Benson, John S.	12	Benson, John H.	19
Benson, John W.	70	Benson, John L.	75
Benson, Henry M.	20	Benson, John M., 1st	69
Benson, Herbert A.	32	Benson, John M., 2nd	70
Benson, Hiram	7	Benson, John M., 3rd	69
Benson, Hiram Jr.	32	Benson, John M., 4th	71
Benson, Hiram Jr., son of Hiram	69	son of Benson, John	71
Benson, Hiram Jr., son of John	69	Benson, John M., 5th	70
Benson, Hiram Jr., son of John	74	Benson, John M., 6th	70
Benson, Hiram Jr., son of Milton O.	24	Benson, John M., 7th	70
Benson, Hiram Jr., son of Milton O.	53	Benson, John M., 8th	70
Benson, Hiram Jr., son of Milton O.	54	Benson, John M., 9th	70
Benson, Jacob Batts	67	Benson, John M., 10th	70
Benson, Jacob Batts	87	Benson, John M., 11th	70
Benson, Jacob Batts	81	Benson, John M., 12th	70
Benson, Jacob H.	15	Benson, John M., 13th	70
Benson, Jacob, 1st	18	Benson, John M., 14th	70
Benson, Jacob, 2nd	19	Benson, John M., 15th	70
Benson, Jacob, 3rd	19	Benson, John M., 16th	70
Benson, Jacob, 4th	39	Benson, John M., 17th	70
Benson, Jacob, 5th	68	Benson, John M., 18th	70
Benson, Jacob, 6th	85	Benson, John M., 19th	70
Benson, Jacob, 7th	85	Benson, John M., 20th	70
Benson, Jacob, 8th	95	Benson, John M., 21st	70
Benson, Jacob, 9th	99	Benson, John M., 22nd	70
Benson, Jacob Newton	94	Benson, John M., 23rd	70
Benson, Jacob Van Ness	73	Benson, John Holt	94
Benson, James A.	59	Benson, Langdon	92
Benson, James Ad Burt	21	Benson, Lavina	86
Benson, James Byron	73	Benson Lawrence	93
Benson, James De Witt	75	son of Charles S.	93
Benson, James V.	57	Benson, Lawrence E.	54
Benson, Jane Ann	91	Benson, Lena	22
Benson, Jane Hufcutt	43	Benson, Lena Anna	68
Benson, Jane Shaw	89	Benson, L. Marquette	87
Benson, Janette	26	Benson, Lester H.	59
Benson, Jeffereson	34	Benson, Lewis Chester	66
Benson, Jennie Applegate	68	Benson, Lewis Jacob	95
Benson, Jennie Morey	54	Benson, Lelema C.	79
Benson, Jessie G.	58	Benson, Loomis	20
Benson, Jessie Leake	72	Benson, Lydia	82
Benson, John	27	Benson, Lucille	23
husband of Susan	103	Benson, Lurilla G.	23
Benson, John Unknown	103	Benson, Lucy	39
Benson, John, 1st	88	Benson, Lucy	39
son of Joe Jr., 1st	88	Benson, Lucy	39
Benson, John, 2nd	101	daughter of J. Sept. 2nd	39
son of Samuel, 1st	101	Benson, Lucy Paul	54
Benson, John	101	Benson, Lucy Jane	37
son of John, 2nd	101	Benson, Lucy Lee	34
		Benson, Lucy M.	41











Benson, William	29
son of Jacob, 1st	34
Benson, William	47
son of Jacob, 1st	38
Benson, William A.	38
Benson, William A.	90
son of Peter C.	54
Benson, William P.	97
Benson, William George	36
Benson, William H.	87
Benson, William Stanford	30
Benson, Willis	18
Benson, Zadie J.	18
Andrews, William H.	63
Bard, Bruce	102
Bell, James M.	23
Bebbe, Alfred	92
Bird, James	60
Brownell, Theresa	10
Cameron, Mrs. John D.	160
Case, Truman F.	43
Clear, Joseph	103
Cooklin, Gilbert	97
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Cyprian, George	62
Dale, Mr. F. G. (1)	23
Darling, Arthur	82
Darling, Charles P.	75
Darling, Papier	48
Darby, Charles L.	74
Deather, Amelia	100
Dutcher, Benjamin	17
Dutcher, Cornelius	169
Dutcher, Enoch	100
Dutcher, John	79
Dutcher, John O.	62
Dutcher, J. Van Ness	68
Dutcher, Mrs. Maria	160
Dutcher, Newton	41
Dutcher, William H.	77
Dunning, Olin L.	71
Dinen, John	40
Dunbar, George S.	41
Elde, Mrs. Archie	84
Fox, Eugene	33
Gay, Mrs.	
Gilbert, Mrs.	
(daughters of Robert, 2nd)	84
Haight, Henry G.	12
Hall, Smith J.	38
Harding, N. J.	26
Hag, Sanford	97
Haldon, George	59
Haufe, George, Esq.	36
Haufe, Henry J.	99
Haufe, Horace D.	99
Hunt, Peter	29
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Irons, Dr. J. C.	62
Jelby, Fred M.	52
James, William	23
Jayne, Mrs. Mrs.	26
Jordan, Atene P.	53
Kennedy, Augusta H. N.	100
Kirz, Jacob	90
Lambert, James Irvin	92
Loring, Mrs. A. C.	91
Lyon, Prof. Dr.	31
M. S. & D. B.	87
Mark, George	82
Matthews, Harry L.	103
McAllister, Mrs.	98
McAlvey, George W.	86
Morgan, Heribert	79
Mohr, Mrs. T. C.	101
Nason, Henry J.	23
Nutting, F. G. Jr.	31
Ogden, C. K. (1)	52
Old, Mrs. Sarah	103
Pock, Watson W.	43
Perry, George V.	32
Peters, John W.	37
Prapin, Ruth A.	66
Price, M. F. (1)	73
Robinson, Meridith	96
Rodgers, Julian K.	100
Rosen, Irving B.	80
Ryan, James	84
Ryan, Joseph	67
Ryan, Robert B.	89
Schaefferhorn, Hirsh	29
Schaefferhorn, John L.	53
Simpson, Ambrose B.	103
Snell, George	94
Spiale, Henry	196
St. John, Nathaniel	23
Stark, Cyrus	36
Sturges, Edward	61
Tanner, Henry	88
Tarr, William	73
Tompkins, Mary B.	196
Walker, Henry	78
Watts, Albert	31
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Weaver, Mrs.	61
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